

ATTRITION

authority given to a ruler. **at'ributive**, [Lang.] a. Naming an attribute. (**'at'ribju:t**).

at'triction, n. Rubbing of one thing against another; wasting away. (**'at'riʃn**).

at'tune, v.t. Put into harmony. **A. to**, make in harmony with. (**'at'tju:n**).

auburn, a. Red-brown (of hair). (**'ɔ:bən**).

au'ction, n. v.t. Putting up goods for public offer, the person offering the best price taking the goods. **-eer**, n. One offering goods at auction. (**'ɔ:kʃən**).

au'dacious, a. Without fear, taking great chances; without shame. (**'ɔ:deɪʃəs**).

audible, a. Loud enough for hearing. (**'ɔ:diəbəl**).

audience, n. Those hearing, watching, sp. persons grouped together for this purpose in theatre etc.; hearing given by ruler etc. to person(s) desiring talk with him. (**'ɔ:diəns**).

audit, n., v.t. A going through accounts by one given authority to see that they are in order. **-or**, n. Auditing expert; **see** **auditor**. (**'ɔ:di:t**).

au'dition, n. Power of hearing; test hearing of voice etc. **auditor**, n. Hearer; **see** **audr.** **audi'torium**, n. Part of theatre etc. for hearers. **auditory**, a. To do with hearing. (**'ɔ:diʃn**).

au'fait, [F.] Having the necessary knowledge (about). (**ou'fei**).

auger, n. Instrument with screw point and hand-part at right angles, for making holes in wood. (**'ɔ:geɪ**).

augment, v.t. & i. Make or get greater. **-ation**, n. Sp., addition, increase. (**'ɔ:g'mənt**).

augur, i. n. Rom. man of religion whose business was reading the future from signs. 2. v.t. See as probable in future; be sign of (future event). **-y** (**'ɔ:gjəri**), n. Reading future by signs; statement of a; sign. (**'ɔ:geɪ**).

au'gust, a. Causing respect, great. (**'ɔ:gəst**).

August, n. 8th month of year. **Au'gustan**, a. Of the time of the best L. writing or other such great time in history of letters. (**'ɔ:gəst**).

auk, n. Sea-bird of the north with short wings used only in swimming. (**'ɔ:k**).

'auld lang' syne, [Scot.] Times long past; name of a song. (**'ɔ:ld læŋ 'zeɪn**).

au'nt, n. Father's or mother's sister. **A. Sally**, woman's head made of wood, at which sticks are sent in sport. (**'a:nt**).

au'pair, [F.] Living and working in family in exchange for room and food. (**ou'pei**).

'aura, n. Feeling which seems to be given out by place or person. (**'ɔ:re**).

'aural, a. To do with the ear. (**'ɔ:reɪl**).

'aureate, a. Of (colour of) gold. (**'ɔ:reit**).

AUTOMOBILE

automobile, n. Carriage moved by motor. (**'ɔ:təməbi:l**).

autonomy, n. Right of self-government; group having a. (**'ɔ:tənəmi**).

autopsy, n. Cutting up of dead body to get light on cause of death. (**'ɔ:təpsi**).

autumn, n. Part of the year between summer and winter. (**'ɔ:təm**).

auxiliary, n., a. (One) giving help, support. **A. verb**, v. used for making v. formus (**have, be, may**, etc.). (**'ɔ:g-ziljəri**).

avail, v.t. & i. n. (Be of) help, use, to. **A. oneself of**, make use of. **-able**, a. Able or ready to be used, got. (**'ə'veɪl**).

avalanche, n. Mass of snow and stones etc. suddenly falling down mountain. (**'əvələʃ**).

avarice, n. Great desire for money or things of money value. (**'əvərɪs**).

avast, int. Cry used by sailors, with sense of "Stop!" (**'ə:vəst**).

avault, [Old] int. Go away! (**'ə:vəʊt**).

avenge, v.t. REVENGE. (**'ə'vendʒ**).

avenue, n. Roadway edged with trees, sp. going to house; wide street. (**'əvɪnju:**).

average, i. n., a. Middle value of a number or amounts got by division of their sum by *n*; what is normal or representative. **On an a.**, when averaged. 2. v.t. Get the a. of; come to, do, on an a. (**'ævərɪdʒ**).

averse, a. Against, with no desire (**to**). **a version**, n. Feeling against; person or thing one has an a. to. (**'ə:vəs**).

avert, v.t. Keep off (danger); get (eyes etc.) turned (**from**). (**'ə:vɜ:t**).

aviary, n. Place for keeping birds. (**'eɪvjəri**).

aviation, n. Journeying by air. **'aviator**, n. Airman. (**'eɪvɪ'eɪʃn**).

avid, a. With uncontrolled desire (**for**). (**'æɪd**).

avocation, n. Person's regular business; an interest which is not one's chief business. (**'əvəu'keɪʃn**).

avou'du'pois, n. Brit. system of weights in which 1 pound = 16 ounces, used for all goods but jewels, gold, silver etc.; [Hum.] (great) weight of person. (**'əvəʊdʒ'pɔɪz**).

avouch, v.t. Give one's word for; **avert**, v.t. Say that one is responsible for. (**'əvəʊtʃ**).

avow, v.t. Say that one is responsible for. (**'əvəʊ**).

avuncular, a. Of, like, a father's or mother's brother. (**'əvʌŋkjələ**).

await, v.t. Be waiting, in store, for. (**'ə'veɪt**).

awake, i. v.i. & t. (awoke). Become, make, a. **A. to**, sp., become, make, conscious of. **a. a.** Not sleeping. **-n**, v.t. & i. Awake. **-ning**, n. Sp., act of a. to something. (**'ə'veɪk**).

BABBLE

'award, i. n. [Law] Decision of one acting as judge; thing given by a. in law, r competition. 2. v.t. Give as a. (**'to**). (**'ə:wəd**).

'aware, a. Conscious, with knowledge, (**of**, **that**). (**'ə'weə**).

'awash, a. Washed over by waves. (**'ə'wɒʃ**).

'away, adv. To, at, a distance (**from** something); in a different direction (**from**); out of existence (**explain a.**). **Far and a. the worst**, very much the worst; **make a. with**, put an end to by destruction; **right (straight) a.**, without loss of time; **throw a.**, put out as of no use; **working etc. a.**, working etc. hard. (**'ə'weɪ**).

awe, i. n. Fear mixed with respect. 2. v.t. Make full of a. **-some**, a. Causing awe. **'a-struck**, a. Awed. **'awful**, a. Causing awe; very bad; [Con.] very great (**an a. ride**). **'awfully**, [Con.] adv. Very. (**'ɔ:**).

'awhile, adv. For a short time. (**'ə'waɪl**).

'awkward, a. Badly designed, hard to make use of; not expert in control, motion; hard, troubling. (**'ɔ:kwəd**).

awl, n. Small instrument with metal point, for making holes, sp. in leather. (**'ɔ:l**).

'awning, n. Canvas etc. roof put up to keep off sun or rain. (**'ɔ:ɪnɪŋ**).

awoke. **See AWAKE**.

'awry, a., adv. **AsKEW**.

axe, n. Instrument with wide blade at right angles to hand-part, for cutting down trees, etc. (**'æks**).

'axiom, n. Something seen to be true without reasoning; something taken as true without argument. (**'æksɪəm**).

'axis (axes), n. Line about which a body goes when turning round itself; line making division of a regular form into 2 equal parts. **axial** (**'æksɪəl**), a. Of, forming, placed round, an axis. (**'æksɪz**).

'axle, n. Rod on which a wheel goes round. **'a-tree**, n. Rod joining front or back carriage wheels. (**'æks**).

ay, int. Yes. **The a.**, those supporting motion put to meeting etc. (**ay**).

'ayah, n. Hindu woman servant taking care of baby for white persons. (**'aɪə**).

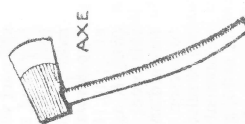
aye, [Old] adv. At all times, ever. (**'eɪ**).

'azalea, n. Sorts of small tree-like plant with bright flowers. (**'æzəliə**).

'azure, i. a. Sky-blue; blue (**HERALDRY**). 2. n. Undclouded sky; a. colour. (**'æʒjə**).

B

B, [Mus.] n. 7th note in C MAJOR scale. (**bi**). **baa**, n., v.i. Sheep's cry. (**ba**). **'babble**, v.i. & t. n. Make unclear sounds, like baby; say foolish things; let out



AUTOMATIC

'aureole, n. HALO. (**'ɔ:riəl**).

'au re'voir, [F.] Till we see one another again (used at parting). (**'ou're'vwa:**).

'auricle, n. Outer ear; one or other of the divisions of top part of heart. **au'ricular**, a. Of ear or auricle of heart; said privately in the ear. (**'ɔ:rikl**).

au'riferous, a. Producing gold. (**'ɔ:rɪfərəs**).

Au'rora, n. Rom. goddess of morning; early morning light. **A. bore'al** (**aus'tralis**), arch of light in sky, electrically caused, seen in the far North (South). (**'ɔ:rɔ:**).

auscultation, [Med.] n. Hearing and noting sounds made inside body by heart etc. (**'ɔ:skɪ'teɪʃn**).

'auspice, n. Sign of future. **Under the a.**, with the approval and help of. **aus'picious**, a. Giving good reason for hope. (**'ɔ:spɪs**).

aus'tere, a. With high ideas of right behaviour; cold, hard; (of things) simple, unornamented. (**'ɔ:s'tiə**).

'austral, a. Of the South. (**'ɔ:strel**).

au'thentic, a. Which may be taken to be what it seems, true, first-hand, not a copy. **-ate**, v.t. Make clear that (thing) is authentic. (**'ɔ:tentɪk**).

'author, n. Writer of book etc.; maker, cause, first mover (of anything). **-ship**, n. Being an author; being responsible for as author. (**'ɔ:ðə**).

au'thority, n. Power, right, to give orders; right given to do some special thing; person having a. (sp. **the a.**), (of opinions representatives of the law); (of opinions etc.) weight; expert in any branch of knowledge; person, book, etc. authorizing. **au'thoritative**, a. Having authority or air of authority. **'authorize**, v.t. Give authority to (person) or for (thing). (**'ɔ:θərɪtɪ**).

'auto-, Acting on, by, oneself (**-suggestion**). (**'ɔ:təu-**).

auto'bi'ography, n. History of person by himself; this branch of letters. (**'ɔ:təu'baɪ'ɒgrəfi**).

'autocrat, n. Ruler who has complete power. **au'tocracy**, n. Government by, rule of, an autocrat. (**'ɔ:təukrət**).

auto-de-'fe, n. (Order for) punishment by inquisition, sp. burning to death. (**'ɔ:təʊ'de'feɪ**).

'autograph, n., v.t. (Thing in) one's handwriting, sp. one's name. (**'ɔ:təgrə:f**).

auto'gyro, n. Sort of airplane able to go straight up and down with little or no forward motion. (**'ɔ:təu'gɪərəʊ**).

auto'matic, i. a. (Of machine) working itself; (of acts etc.) machine-like, unconscious. 2. n. Small a. gun. **au'tomatism**, n. Automatic acting. **au'tomaton**, n. Automatic machine, sp. one whose driving-power is not seen; person etc. acting automatically. (**'ɔ:tə'matɪk**).

BABA

secrets; (of water) make noise going over stones. ('babl).
babu, [Let.] n. Baby. (beib).
babel, n. Loud noise, sp. of voices, in which nothing is clear. ('beib).
ba'boon, n. Dog-like monkey of S. Asia and Africa. (ba'bum).
ba'bu, n. Hindu for "Mr."; Indian office-worker writing English. (ba'bu).
'baby, n. Very young person before stage of walking; anything small of its sort (b. car). (beib).
'baccara, n. Form of card-play. ('bakara).
Baccha'alia, n. Festival of Bacchus, the Rom. Higher Being representative of wine; night etc. of drink and pleasure. (bakha'nelja).
'bachelor, n. Unmarried man. B's button, sorts of button-like flower; B. of Arts, Science, lowest university DEGREES. ('batjela).
ba'cillus (bacilli), n. Sorts of BACTERIUM. (be'silas).

back, i. n. Opp. front; part of animal body opposite stomach and chest. B. of book, sp., part where pages are joined to cover; B. of hand, side on which nails are. 2. a. At the b.; opp. forward: (of payment etc.) made, done, after the right time. 3. adv. Opp. forward; at a distance (from the road etc.); in, to, earlier position, condition (freq. b. again); in, to, the past; before this time; (as) in answer to. B. and forth, forward and b.; give, pay, (something) b., to person who has let one have it; go. b. on, be false to; keep b., sp., keep from development; keep secret. 4. v. t. & i. Put back in opp. direction. B. a bill, put one's name on b. as undertaking to make payment if necessary; b. a horse, put money on; b. down, sp., give up a position; b. out of, sp., get out of (undertaking); b. up, sp., give support to. 'bite, v. i. & t. Say unkind things about person not present. 'bone, n. Line of bones down middle of back, chief supporting structure of body; chief support of anything. 'er, n. Sp., one who puts money on horse etc. 'fire, n., v. i. Loud noise caused by firing of gas in automobile engine at wrong time. 'ground, n. Part of view farthest away; that on or against which something is pictured, seen; past experience and education. 'hand (ed), a. Done with back of hand facing forward (sp. in TENNIS). A b. compliment, one which may be taken as the opposite. 'ing, n. Sp., support. 'side, n. Seat of body. 'slide, v. i. Go back to one's old (bad) ways. 'stitch, n., v. i. Stitch starting at middle of one before. 'ward, a. Sp., slow, not up to normal development. 'ward(s), adv. Sp., with back part first. 'wash, n.

BAGATELLE

bagatelle, n. Unimportant thing; form of sport like BILLIARDS. (bags'tel).
bag, int. Used as sign of disgust. (ba:).
bagel, i. n. Offer of payment made in support of prisoner's undertaking that if he is free he will come before judge on a named day. Go b. for (person), make oneself responsible for b. for; on b., having been bailed out. 2. v. t. Go b. for. B. out, get (person) out of prison by going b. for him. (beil).
bagel, n. One or other of the two bits of wood forming top of WICKET.
bagel, v. t. Get water out of (boat etc.) with buckets etc.
bagel, n. Outer wall of strong building; part inside this. Old B., chief court in London for judging crimes. (beil).
bagel, n. Law authority under SHERIFF; landowner's manager. (beilf).
bagel, [Scot.] n. Small boy or girl. (beil).
bagel, i. n. Food put on hook, in net etc. to get fish, animals, something used as an attraction. 2. v. t. Put b. on, in; give food to (horses) on a journey; make sport of to make angry. (beil).
bagel, n. Rough wool cloth, gen. green, for covering tables etc. (beil).
bagel, v. t. & i. Get cooked by dry heat in an oven; make hard by heat. 'b-house, n. Place where bread, cakes, etc. are made. 'r, n. One who makes bread for trade. B's dozen, 13. 'ry, n. Sp., bread store. (beil).
bagel, n. (In E.) GRATITUDE. (bak'fi:).
bagel, t. n. Apparatus for measuring weight; control apparatus of clock or watch; condition in which weights, amounts, etc., are equal; condition in which there is no tendency to have a fall; quality of seeing things in their right relations; amount by which two sides of an account etc. are different; amount over. B. sheet, statement of debts and credit; bank b., money to one's credit at bank; hanging in the b., (of outcome) uncertain. 2. v. i. & t. Keep, put, in condition of b.; put (one argument etc.) against (another). ('balans).
bagel, n. Railed stage coming out from wall of building higher than street-level; highest or second highest range of seats in theatre. ('balkani).
bagel, a. Without normal growth of hair, feathers, etc., sp. on head; unornamented; (of bad quality) open. 'head, 'pate, n. Person with bald head. (bo:ld).
bagel, n. Foolish talk or writing. (bo:ldadaf).
bagel, n. Parcel of goods, gen. done up in canvas and corded. (beil).
bagel, v. t. BAIL.
bagel, a. Bad, full of hate, causing destruction. (beilful).

BAG

bag, i. n. Thick, roughly-squared wood used as support in building; narrow bit of unploughed land between fields. 2. v. t. & i. Get in the way of purposes, hopes etc., of; come to a sudden stop (sp. of horses), be unready to do. (bo:ik).
bag, n. A great dance. (bo:il).
bag, n. Solid or hollow body or mass of completely round form, sp., used in sport; metal b. sent from gun. Keep the b. rolling, keep the talk etc. going.
'ballad, n. Simple song with a number of verses; story in short verses. bal'lade (ba'laid), n. Special verse form. ('baled).
'ballast, v. t., n. (Put) material in (ship etc.), to keep it from rolling. ('balest).
'ballet, n. Stage dancing in which number of dancers take part. ('balet).
bal'istics, n. Science of the motion of bodies sent through the air (sp. by guns). (ba'listiks).
bal'loon, n. Bag of gas for sending up in air, sp., to take persons. B. barrage, bb. kept up over town etc. to keep off air attacks. (ba'lun).
'ballot, n., v. i. Making selection (sp. of government) or decision by secret marking of papers, etc.; paper(s) etc. so marked. 'b-box, n. Box into which ballots are put. ('balet).
'ballooning, v. t. & i. Make rough sport of. ('balrag).
bal'm, n. Sweet-smelling oil from certain trees, used medicinally; paste with oil in it, used on wounds; something giving peace or taking away pain. -y, a. Sp. (of air etc.) soft. (ba'im).
'balsam, n. BALM; tree giving b.; a flowering plant. ('bolsam).
'baluster, n. Upright supporting a rail.
balus'trade, n. Line of balusters with rail on top. ('balet).
bam'boo, n. A tall, wood-stemmed grass of warm countries; its wood. (bam'bu:).
bam'boozle, v. t. Get the better of (person) by trick. (bam'bu:z).
ban, i. v. t. Keep by authority from being used, said, done. 2. n. Statement banning. (ban).
ba'nal, a. Common, uninteresting. (ba'nal).
ba'nana, n. A long, curved, yellow-skinned fruit; tree giving this. (ba'na:ne).
band, i. n. Long, thin, narrow bit of material, sp. for putting round things or forming part of clothing; wide line of colour etc.; group of persons united for some purpose, sp., for playing music. 2. v. t. & i. Put b(b) on; get together in a b. (freq. b. together). -age, i. n. Band of material for covering wound, etc. 2. v. t. Put a b. on. -ed, a. Sp., regularly

BANDANNA

marked with bands. **'b-saw**, n. Band-like saw moving over wheels. **'sman**, n. Player in band. **'stand**, n. Stage for band. (band).
'bandanna, n. Brightly coloured, printed square of silk or cotton, for putting round neck etc. (bandane).
'bandbox, n. Cardboard hat-box. (bandboks).
'bandeau, n. Band for hair. (bandou).
'bandicoot, n. (India) great rat; (Australia) rat-like animal with pocket for young. (bandikut).
'bandit, n. One (freq. of band) taking property by armed attacks. (bandit).
'bandoleer, n. Wide band going down across chest for CARTRIDGES. (bandoulier).
'bandy, v.t. Send back and forward, from one to another (freq. *b. about*); make an exchange of (words, blows). (bandi).
'bandy, a. (Of legs) curving out at knee.
'bane, n. (Cause of) destruction, trouble. (bein).
'bang, i. n. Violent blow; loud noise (as) of blow, gun etc. 2. v.t. & i. Give b(b). to; make a b. (with) sp., by shutting. 3. adv. With a b. *B. in the middle*, in the very middle; *go b., go off*, as gun etc. (ban).
'bangle, n. Ring for arm or leg. (bangl).
'banian, n. Indian trader; Indian coat of wool; Indian tree whose branches come down to earth and take root. (banjan).
'banish, v.t. Send away, sp. from one's country, as punishment; put out of (one's mind, etc.). (banij).
'banister, n. Upright(s) supporting rail at side of steps. *Bb.*, *bb.* and handrail. (baniste).
'banjo, n. Instrument of music played with fingers, having from 5 to 9 cords and soundbox covered with tightly stretched skin. (bandzou).
'bank, i. n. Slope of earth, sp. forming the part of sea or river bed at higher level; flat-topped mass of cloud. 2. v.t. & i. Put inside, make into, b(b).; (of air-planes) go with one side higher than the other. *B. up*, sp., get material massed on (fire) for slow burning. (bank).
'bank, i. n. Organization, place, for safe-keeping of money, which may be taken out on signed orders. *B. holiday*, day on which bb. are shut by law. 2. v.t. & i. Put (money) in b.; keep one's money (in certain b.). *Banking on*, basing one's hopes on. **'er**, n. Owner or controller of a bank. **'ing**, n. Sp., business of keeping a bank. **'b-note**, n. Paper money for whose value bank is responsible.
'bankrupt, i. a. Judged in law to be unable to make full payment of debts. *B. in*, completely without. 2. n. *B.*

BARBARIAN

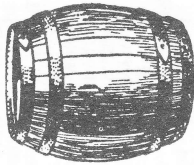
person. 3. v.t. Make b. 4. adv. *Go b.*, become b. (baykrapi).
'banner, n. Flag of ruler, army, nation; flag (sp. on 2 supports or in frame) representative of some special cause, organization. (bane).
'bannock, n. Scot. flat cake of bread. (banek).
'banns, n. pl. Public statement in church that 2 persons are to be married. *Publ.ish, put up, the b.*, make such statement. (banz).
'banquet, n., v.i. Meal where there is much food and drink, freq. marking special event. (banjkvit).
'banshee, (Irish, Scot. Fict.) n. Shade whose cry is sign of death in a family. (banji).
'bant, v.i. Make attempts to get thin, gen. by limiting one's food. (bant).
'bantam, n. Small sort of fowl, the male of which is a fighter. (bantam).
'banter, v.t. & i. n. (Make) good-humoured sport of (person) in talk. (bant).
'Bantu, n. S. African family of languages; persons talking these. (bantut).
'banyan, n. BANIAN. (banjan).
'baptism, n. Form of taking person into Christian Church by washing with water, gen. with name-giving. **'baptist**, n. One who gives baptism; one of certain church giving baptism only to those old enough to make public statement of belief in Christ (*B.*). **'baptistry**, n. Part of church used for baptism. **'bar**, i. n. Long bit of hard material, sp., rail across way out or in; anything in the way of, stopping from doing; line of sand across mouth of river or harbour; narrow band (of colour etc.). [Mus.] up-right line making division of notes into the notes in it; (place in hotel etc. with) long, high structure at which drinks are taken; place for prisoner when before judge. *The b.*, men of law acting in high court as group; *be called to the b.*, be made a BARRISTER. 2. v.t. Put b(b) across; keep (person from doing); put b(b) on; be very much against. 3. prep. But for. **'maid**, **'man**, nn. Woman, man, waiting on persons in bar. **'ring**, prep. But for. (bar).
'barb, i. n. Back-curving point (as on ARROW, fishhook etc.); side branch of feather. 2. v.t. Put b(b) on. *Barbed wire*, wire with sharp points on it. (barb).
'barbarian, n., a. (Person) of society at low stage of development; (Hist.) without taste or education; [Hist.] one outside Greece or Rome, or not a Christian. **'barbaric**, **'barbarous**, a. Sp., cruel, rough. **'barbarism**, n. Sp., word or form wrongly used. **'barbarity**, n. Sp., cruel behaviour. (ba:'bearity).

BARBECUE

barbecue, n. Framework for cooking animals over fire; cow, pig etc. cooked on bb.; [Am.] great outdoor meal at which bb. are cooked. (babikjut).
'barbel, n. Great European river fish. (babl).
'barber, n. One whose trade is cutting and dressing hair on face and head. (barba).
'barberry, n. Tree-like plant with yellow flowers; its red berry. (barbent).
'barbican, n. Strong outer building, sp. over doorway, for keeping off attack. (barbikan).
'bard, [Let.] n. Maker of verse and song. (bard).
'bare, i. a. Unclothed, uncovered; un-ornamented; not more than. *Lay b.*, make clear, public. 2. v.t. Make unclothed, uncovered; lay b. **'back(ed)**, a. adv. Seated on bare back of horse. **'faced**, a. Without shame. **'foot(ed)**, a. adv. With bare feet. **'b-headed**, a., adv. Without a hat. **'ly**, adv. Not quite, almost not. (be).
'bargain, i. n. Agreement to make exchange, etc.; thing got by b.; thing offered very cheap. *Into the b.*, in addition. 2. v.t. Have argument for purpose of getting better b.; make condition (*that*). *Not b. for*, not be looking, ready for. (bargin).
'barge, i. n. Boat with flat base for river transport. 2. v.i. Go violently (*into, against*). **'bargee**, n. Man in control of trading barge. **'b-pole**, n. Long stick for guiding barge. (bardz).
'baritone, [Mus.] n. Voice between tenor and bass; person having this. (bariton).
'barium, n. A silver-white metal. ('bea-rium).
'bark, i. n. Outer skin of tree-stems. 2. v.t. Take b. off; take skin off (leg, etc.) by slow abrasion something. (bak).
'barb, **'barque**, nn. Sort of ship with 3 sails and supports; [Let.] ship.
'bark, i. n. Cry of dog or other such animal; sharp, hard sound, as of gun, cough. 2. v.t. & t. Give a b.; say sharply and shortly.
'barley, n. Sort of grain used for food and making beer, etc.; plant producing this. *Peat b.*, b. grain crushed small. **'corn**, n. Grain of barley. (barli).
'baron, n. Y.EAST produced in making beer, etc. **'s**, a. Sp., (Hum.) off one's head. (baron).
'baron, n. Covered building for storing grain, etc., on farm. *B-door fowl*, common fowl of no named sort. (bam).
'baronade, n. Small sea-animal with hard outer cover, which gets fixed onto things under water, sp. ships. ('barnekl).
'barometer, n. Instrument for getting

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knowledge of coming weather by measuring weight of the air. (ba'tomita).
'baron, n. Great chief, NOBLEMAN. (Eng-land) lowest sort of PEER. **'age**, n. The barons as a body. **'ess**, n. Woman married to a baron. **'et**, n. Man having lowest English title handed down from father to son. (baron).
'baroque, n., a. Highly ornamented form of building, design. (ba'rouk).
'ba rouché, n. Sort of 4-wheeled horse carriage. (ba'ru:ʃ).
'barrack, n. Building housing military (gen. *bb.*); any b.-like building. ('barak).
'barrack, v.t. Make noises, cries of protest, at (players etc.).
'barrage, n. Rain of gunfire against given line. ('bara:ʒ).
'barrel, i. n. Round, flat-ended wood vessel with curved sides kept together by rings of metal or wood; any b.-like thing; pipe of gun. 2. v.t. Put in b(b).
'b-organ, n. Instrument of street music played by turning hand-part. ('baral).
'barren, a. Unable to have plants, fruit, young, produce; effecting nothing, without value. (baren).
'barri cade, v.t., n. (Put up) wall of things across or in front of (something) to keep back attack. (bart'keid).
'barrier, n. Wall, rails etc. put up to keep persons etc. out, back; anything acting as b., coming between. ('baria).
'barrister, n. Man of law having right of acting in higher courts. (bariste).
'barrow, n. Earth structure made in early times over places for dead. ('barou).
'barrow, n. One- or two-wheeled cart, gen. pushed by hand.
'barter, v.t. & t., n. (Make) exchange of (goods or property). (bate).
'barytone, n. BARTONE. ('bartoun).
'basalt, n. Green or brown stone forming columns in earth. ('basalt).
'base, i. n. Lowest, supporting, part of anything; anything forming greater part of mixed substance; starting-point for runners; place from which army in field gets stores, medical help, etc.; [Sc.] chemical substance forming a salt when acted on by an acid. *B. metals*, those other than precious ones. 2. v.t. *B. on*, be supporting (argument etc.) on. **'ball**, n. Am. form of sport with ball. **'less**, a. Without good reason, cause. **'ment**, n. Floor of building under street level. (beis).
'base, a. Bad, low; poor, of low value. *B. coin*, false money.



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BASH

'bash, v.t. Get crushed by hard blow. (baf).
'bashful, a. At a loss with strange perceptions, made unhappy by attention. (bafel).
'basic, a. Of, at, forming, a base; first, most necessary (of rules, stages, etc.).
'B. English, international form of English worked out by C. K. Ogden. (beisik).
'basil, n. Sweet-smelling plant. (baz).
'basilica, n. [Rom.] Long room round at one end with roof resting on two lines of stone supports, used for law purposes; early Christian church of b.-like form. (bezilike).
'basilisk, [Fict.] n. Strange snake with power of causing death by its look or breath. (bazilisk).
'basin, n. Wide, round, open vessel used for liquids, etc.; thing like a b., such as hollow among mountains, land-locked harbour; land drained by river. (beisn).
'basis, n. Facts etc. on which something is based; chief part of mixed substance. (beis).
'bask, v.i. Be warming oneself with pleasure (in sun, firelight, approval, etc.). (basik).
'basket, n. Vessel made of sticks, grasses, etc., twisted together. **'ry, 'b.-work**, n. Basket-making; things made by this process.
'baquet, n. Very short overskirt on woman's dress. (bak).
'bas-relief, n. Picture, design, cut on flat stone etc., so as to come out a little from the face of it. (basrili:f).
'bass, n. A fish used for food. (bas).
'bass, 'baat, nn. Inner part of outer skin of lime-tree, used for covering floors, basket-work, etc. (bas, bast).
'bass, t. a. Low, deep-sounding. 2. [Mus.] n. Lowest part in music; (person having) lowest male voice. (beis).
'bassinet, n. Baby's basket-work carriage, bed, covered at one end. (basi'net).
'basoon, n. Wood wind-instrument of music, producing low notes. (be'sun).
'bastard, i. a. Having mother not married to one's father; false, without authority. 2. n. B. person or thing. ('bastard).
'baste, v.t. Put liquid fat over (meat etc.) while cooking; give hard blows to with a stick; put roughly together with long stitches. (beist).
'bastinado, v.t. n. (Give) blows on under part of feet as punishment. (basti'na'do).



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'basion, n. 5-sided part coming out from strong military structure. ('bastion).
'bat, n. Rat-like night animal with wings of skin stretched over bones. (bat).
'bat, i. n. Instrument with flat-fronted blade used in sport, sp. CRICKET, for giving blow to ball; stick used in BASE-BALL; batsman. 2. v.i. & t. Make use of b.; send with b. *Off his own b.*, without outside suggestion. **'sman**, n. Player battling.
'batch, n. Group of things given attention at one time, sp. amount of bread cooked at one time. (batf).
'bate, v.t. & i. Abate. *With bated breath*, keeping back one's breath (in fear, etc.). (beit).
'bath, i. n. A washing of all the body, sp. by putting completely in water etc.; water etc. for b.; vessel, room, or building in which bb. are taken. *B. chair*, wheeled seat for old or feeble person; *sun b.*, a rest in the sun without clothing. 2. v.t. & i. Give have, a b. (ba:f).
'bathe, i. v.t. & t. Bath, sp., in sea, river etc. for pleasure; make wet, bright etc., all over. 2. n. Act of bathing, sp. in river, sea. **'r**, n. Person having bath.
'bathing-machine, n. Wheeled dressing-room for sea-bathing. (beib).
'bathos, n. Sudden fall, change, in talk, writing, etc., from what is deeply moving to what is common, unimportant. (beibos).
'batiste, n. Very thin, smooth, linen or cotton material. (ba'tist).
'batman, n. Military servant. ('batman).
'baton, n. Stick used as sign of authority; policeman's stick; [Mus.] stick used in keeping time for band. ('batn).
'bat'talion, n. Great body of men ready for fighting; division of Brit. army of about 1000 men. (ba'taljon).
'batten, n. Floor-board; board across wood, keeping them in place; bit of wood used to lower part of ship. 2. v.t. Make strong with bb. *B. down the hatches*, get openings into lower part of ship shut tight. ('batn).
'batten, v.i. Get fat (on), sp. to the damage of others.
'batter, v.t. & i. Give violent blows to so as to get crushed, broken (freq. b. at, down etc.). **'-ing-ram**, n. Instrument for battering down walls etc. **'-y**, [Law] n. Giving of blows. ('bata).
'batter, n. Meal, salt, and eggs mixed with liquid, and used in cooking.
'battery, n. [Mil.] Unit of guns, with its men and horses; group of guns on ship etc.; group of electric cells; set of BATTER. ('bateri).
'baffle, v.i., n. (Have) fight, sp. in a war. *B. royal*, great fight, argument, etc.;

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pitched b., b. for which the two sides have taken up their positions. **'field**, n. Place of battle. **'ship**, n. Most strongly armed sort of warship. ('batl).
'battlement, n. Bat with round blade, used in BADMINTON etc. ('batldo:).
'battlement, n. Top part of wall of old military buildings with openings for firing through. ('batlment).
'bauble, n. Ornament, jewel, pleasing to the eye, but of little value; thing without true value; JESTER'S stick. (bo:bl).
'bawlk, v.t. & i. BALK. (bo:k).
'bawbee, [Scot.] n. Halpenny. ('bo:bi:).
'bawdy, a. Dirty, disgusting (of talk etc.). (bo:di).
'bawl, v.t. & i. Say very loudly, be crying loudly. (bo:l).
'bay, n. Division of wall between two supports; part of room made by building out window from wall-line. *B. window*, one in a b. (bei).
'bay, n. Wide-mouthed inlet of sea etc. *bay*, n., v.i. Deep cry of great dog. *At b.*, pushed to point of turning on attackers; *bring to b.*, get animal, etc., at b.; *hold at b.*, keep (attackers) off.
'bay, n. Sort of tree with dark green leaves. *Bb.*, sp., circle of b. leaves put on heads of great fighters, sweet-smelling etc. in old times; *b. rum*, sweet-smelling liquid for hair. **'berry**, n. W.-Indian tree; N.-Am. tree-like plant with grey berries.
'bayonet, i. n. Red-brown (horse etc.). 2. v.t. Short blade to be fixed to mouth of gun for hand-to-hand fighting. 3. v.t. Give wound to with b. ('beianit).
'be'ear, n. Part of town in E. where stores are; special sale of goods, to get money for some cause; store keeping all sorts of cheap things. (ba'za:).
'be'ear, i. n. are, was, were, been), i. v. Have existence; take place; have (certain quality, position, relation, etc.) (*b. and b. in Africa, b. in favour of*); make, come to (*twice 2 is 4*); have the name, qualities, of (*this is Mary, an apple is a fruit*). *Apples are 6d. a pound*, their price is 6d. a pound; *has anyone been?*, has anyone come and gone?; *he has been to London*, he has made a journey to L.; *let it b.*, sp., let it go on as it is. 2. v. aux. Used before: past forms of vv.t., such as *taken, sung, washed*, to give them force of adjs. (*the medicine is taken, the song has been sung, make it clear that an act is in process, the is (was, etc.) working*); to and a v. as sign that the act is ordered, designed, or possible (*you are to come back here, the King is to b. there, they are to do that, it let in the drawer*). *If I were to do that*, if let in any way for purposes of argument, I did

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that. **'-ing**, n. Existence; living thing; self. (bi: (waz, wai, bi:m)).
'be-, all over (**'-dabble** (v.), **'-daub** (v.), **'-deck** (v.), **'-smear** (v.), **'-spatter** (v.), **'-sprinkle** (v.)); put on all over (**'-dew** (v.), **'-grime** (v.), **'-jewel** (v.), **'-spangle** (v.)). (bi-).
'beach, i. n. Stretch of sand, stones, at edge of sea. 2. v.t. Get (boat) up on to b. **'comber**, n. Long wave rolling in from sea; waster living on what he comes across on beach. (bi:t).
'beacon, n. Fire lighted as sign of news on high place to be seen from a distance; lighthouse. ('bi:ken).
'bead, i. n. Small ball of glass etc. with hole through, for threading on cord with others as an ornament; any b.-like thing, drop. *Bb.*, sp., threaded bb. for neck; *tell one's bb.*, go through PRAYERS with help of special bb., touching one for every PRAYER. 2. v.t. Put bb. on. **'sman**, [Hist.] n. Poor person supported by some one in exchange for his PRAYERS. **'-ing**, n. Sp., ornament on stone, wood, etc., in form of line of beads. **'-y**, a. (Sp. of eyes) small, round and bright. (bi:d).
'beadle, n. Man whose business is to give help in keeping order in church, etc., for PARISH. ('bi:dl).
'beagle, n. Small dog for sport, sp. for going after hares. **'beagling**, n. Sport with beagles. ('bi:gl).
'beak, n. Hard mouth-part of bird; [Hum.] judge, school-teacher. (bi:k).
'beaker, n. Great drinking-cup; [Sc.] lipped glass vessel. ('bi:ke).
'beam, i. n. Long bit of squared wood going across structure; rod joining upright parts of machine etc.; ray, parcel of rays, of light. *B. ends*, side of ship; *be on one's b. ends*, be without money, in serious need; *broad in the b.*, wide across (of ship, person). 2. v.t. & i. Give out (light); give bright smile (*af*). (bi:m).
'bean, n. Sorts of plant with KIDNEY-form seeds in pods, used for food; b. seed; b.-like seed of other plants, as coffee. *Full of bb.*, [Con.] sp., in great good humour; *give a person bb.*, [Hum.] sp., be very angry with; *old b.*, [Hum.] old boy, dear man. **'b.-feast**, **'-o**, nn. A good time, with food and drink. (bi:n).
'bear, i. n. Great, thick-haired, flat-footed animal, living on animals and plants; person of rough behaviour; one forcing price of stocks down to get them cheap. *Great B., Little B.*, two groups of stars



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in the north sky. 2. v.i. & t. Do b. operations on socks. **'b-garden**, n. Place where there is no order and great noise. **'skin**, n. Sp., tall military hat made of skin. (bee)

bear (bore, borne), v.t. & i. Take, be transporting, (on one's back, in one's hands, etc.); have on one; keep up, be support to; put up with; be able to undergo without damage (*won't b. investigation*); give birth to (be given birth = *be born*); get (fruit etc.) produced; be pushing (in certain direction). **B. a grudge**, keep up bad feeling against; **b. a hand**, give help with work; **b. arms**, be in the army; **b. down**, *om*, sp., come straight at; **b. him company**, go, be, with him; **b. on**, sp. (of fact, etc.) have a connection with; **b. oneself** (*like*), be in behaviour (like); **b. out**, sp., give support to (idea, etc.); **b. up**, sp., not give way; **b. with**, sp., put up with kindly; **b. witness that**, to, give evidence that. **'-able**, a. Able to be put up with. **'-er**, n. Sp., servant-porter in E. for journeys; one supporting box for dead body; one taking cheque to bank for payment. **'-ing**, n. Sp., air, behaviour; connection; part of machine against which another part is supported while moving. **Bb**, sp., design etc. on coat of arms; **ball b(b)**, (of machine b.) (with small balls for keeping parts from rubbing; *lose one's bb*, become uncertain where one is; *take one's bb*, get one's position worked out. (bea (bo, bon)). **beard**, i. n. Growth of hair on chin; 2. b.-like growth on plants or animals. 2. v.t. Go to without fear, for purpose of making protest etc. (biad). **beast**, n. Animal, sp., four-footed one; disgusting person. **B. of burden**, animal for transporting goods. **'-ly**, i. a. Sp., dirty, disgusting. 2. adv. [Com.] Disgustingly, very. (biat). **beat** (beat, beaten), i. v.t. & i. Give blows to; get (food) mixed and full of air by use of fork etc.; (of sun, rain etc.) come down straight and hard (*on*); get the better of in fight etc., be better than; have regular motion (as of wings, heart, etc.). **B. a retreat**, go back, get away; **b. it!** [Am. Com.] get out!; **b. person, price, down**, get person to put price down; **b. time**, keep time by regular motion of hand etc.; **this beats me**, puts me completely at a loss. 2. n. Sound of drum; regular motion, rhythm; unit of such motion, rhythm; regular way taken by policeman etc. on watch. **'-en**, a. *Keep on the b. track*, sp., do nothing new. **'-er**, n. Sp., man driving birds etc. to those waiting with guns, by beating cover. **'-ing**, n. Sp., blows, a whipping. (biit). **beatific**, a. Blessed, very happy. **be-'atify**, v.t. Make beatific. **be-'attitude**, n. Condition of being beatified. (biatifik).

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n. Condition of being beatified. (biatifik).

beau, n. Man with great interest in dress; girl's lover. (bou).

'beau ideal, n. One's idea of the best. (bou a dial).

'beauty, n. Quality of being very pleasing to eye, ear, or mind; very good-looking woman; a very good example of something. **B. parlour**, place for care of women's faces, hair etc.; **b. sleep**, sleep taken in early hours of night; **b. spot**, place noted for its b., small, round bit of black material put on face, good of its sort. (biuti).

'beauteous, [Let.] a. **'beautiful**, a. Sp., good of its sort. (biuti).

'beaver, n. Water and land animal of the rat family, a great builder; skin of b.; man's high b. hat. (bi:ve).

'beaver, n. Metal chin-plate forming part of old military head-dress.

be-'calmed, a. (Of sailing-ship) stopped because there is no wind. (bi'ka:md).

be-'came. See **BECOME**.

be-'cause, conj. For the reason that. **B. of**, by reason of. (bi'kazi).

beck, n. Small, sp. mountain, river. (bek).

'beckon, v.i. & t. Make sign to (someone) to come. **beck**, n. [Old] Beckoning motion. *At the b. (and call) of*, ordered about by. (beken).

be-'come (became, become), v.i. & t. Get to be; be right behaviour for; (of clothing) be becoming to. *What has b. of it?*, where is it? what is its condition now? **be-'coming**, a. Right for, looking well on. (bi'kam (bi'keim)).

bed, i. n. Structure for sleeping on; sleeping-place; stretch of earth for plants in garden etc.; floor of river, sea, etc.; flat base on which thing is resting; stretch of stone etc. forming part of earth's structure. **B. of roses**, sp., condition of comfort. 2. v.t. Get b. ready for (horse etc.); put (plants) in bed. **'b.-clothes**, n. Covers for bed. **'-ding**, n. Sp., bed-clothes. **'-fellow**, n. Person sleeping in same bed as another. **'-rid-den**, a. Unable to get up from one's bed. **b.-rock**, n. Hard stone under looser material; facts etc. at base of something. **'-room**, n. **'-spread**, n. Top cover for bed. **'-stead**, n. Frame of bed. (bed). **be-'dim**, v.t. Make (eyes) clouded. (bi'dim).

be-'dizen, v.t. Put loud ornaments, dress, on. (bi'daizn).

'bedlam, n. Place of noise, rough behaviour; [Hist.] noted hospital for persons off their heads (*B.*). (bedlam).

'Bedouin, n. a. Person of the sand wastes of Arabia etc., having no fixed living place. (beduin).

be-'draggle, v.t. Let (dress etc.) get wet and dirty. (bi'dragl).

bee, n. Four-winged insect, producing wax

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and HONEY. *Have a b. in one's bonnet*, be taken up with foolish idea. **'b-hive**, n. Structure for keeping bees in. **'b-line**, n. Straightest way between two points (*make a b. for*). **'-swax**, n. (bi:). **beech**, n. Smooth-stemmed tree producing three-sided nuts; its wood. **'-mast**, n. Nuts of beech. (bi:ft).

beef, n. Meat of animal of cow family. **B. tea**, liquid made from b. for ill persons etc. **'-eater**, n. One of the keepers of the LOWER of London, dressed as in time of Henry VII. **'-y**, a. Sp., [Hum.] strong, solid (of person). (bi:ft).

beech. See **BE**.

beer, n. Strong drink made from grain and hops; sorts of drink made from certain roots. **Small b.**, sp., unimportant thing(s). **'-y**, a. Sp., smelling etc. of beer. (bi:).

beet, n. Sorts of plant with sweet root. **Red b.**, used for food; **white b.**, used for sugar-making. **'-root**, n. Root of beet. (bi:t).

beetle, n. Sorts of hammering-instrument with great head for crushing, levelling etc. (bi:tl).

'beetle, n. Sorts of insect with hard wing-covers.

beetle, v.i. Come out over, be overhanging. **'b-browed**, a. Having very thick eyebrows.

be fall (befall, befall), v.i. & t. Come about, take place; (of events) come to (person). (bi'fɔ:l (bi'fel)).

be fit, v.t. Be right for. (bi'fit).

be fogged, a. Covered by mist; (of person) not clear about something. (bi'fogd).

be fore, i. prep. In front of; earlier than; under, by, the force of. (*b. the wind*). 2. adv. In front; earlier. 3. conj. Earlier than; more readily than (*I will die b. I will submit*). **'-hand**, adv. Before, to be ready for, coming event. (bi'fɔ:).

be foul, v.t. Make dirty. (bi'fau).

be friend, v.t. Be a friend to in time of need. (bi'frend).

be great, v.t. & i. Make a request to (person) for, that, with great feeling; make a living by begging for money in streets. **B. the question**, be basing an argument on the very fact which is being questioned; *go begging*, sp., not be desired by anyone; *I b. your pardon*, please forgive me; please say that again. **'-gar**, i. n. One living by begging; very poor person. [Hum.] person. 2. v.t. Make poor. **B. description**, be so good (bad etc.) that there are no words for it. **'-gaily**, a. Poor, small, unimportant. **'-gary**, n. Condition of being very poor. (beg).

be gan. See **BEGIN**.

be get (begot, begotten) v.t. Give being to (as father), be the father of; be the cause of. (bi'get (bi'gɔ:t)).

be gin (began, begun), v.t. & i. Make a

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start at, *on*; come into existence; be the first to do. **'-ner**, n. Sp., one first learning anything. **'-ning**, n. Sp., the start, first part. (bi'gin (bi'gan, bi'gʌn)).

be-'gone, int. Go! (bi'gon).

be gonía, n. Plant with brightly coloured flowers and leaves. (bi'goni:ə).

be-'got, **be-'gotten**. See **BEGOT**.

be-'grudge, v.t. GRUDGE. (bi'grʌdʒ).

be-'guile, v.t. Get to do etc. by tricks; give amusement to; make (time) go quickly, happily. (bi'gail).

'begum, n. Indian QUEEN or woman of high birth. (bi'gʊm).

be-'gun. See **BEGIN**.

be half, n. Only *on* or *in b. of*, as the representative of, in the interest of, for. (bi'ha:f).

be have, v.i. Do, be acting; (of things) have reactions; b. in way pleasing to society, be good (freq. *b. oneself*). *Badly etc. behaved*, bad etc. in behaviour. **be-'havíour** (bi'heivjə), n. Way of behaving.

be-'havi(u)ris(m), n. Theory of psychology as a science of physical reaction and behaviour. (bi'heiv).

be-'head, v.t. Take head off, sp. as form of punishment by death. (bi'hed).

be held. See **BEHOLD**.

be-'hest, [Old] n. Request, order. (bi'hɛst).

be-'hind, i. prep., adv. To, at, the back of, sp. kept from view by; farther back than. **B. in (with)**, late with; **b. time**, late; *have someone b. one*, sp., giving one support; *leave (stay) b.*, in a place from which one has (others have) gone. 2. n. Backside. **'-hand**, adv. Late (*in, with*), not ready. (bi'haind).

be-'hold (beheld), v.t. See. (bi'hould (bi'hield)).

be-'holden, a. In debt (to person *for*). (bi'houldən).

be-'hoof, n. Interest (only *to, for, person's b.*; *on b. of*). (bi'hʊ:f).

be-'ho(o)ve, v.t. Only *it behaves (person) to*, is right, necessary, for (him) to. (bi'houv, bi'hʊv).

beige, n. Sand colour. (beiʒ).

'being. See **BE**.

be-'labour, v.t. Give hard blows to. (bi'leibə).

be-'laid, a. Overtaken by night; late. (bi'leid).

be-'lay, v.t. Make turns with (cord) round pin etc. for purpose of getting it fixed; Stop! Enough! (sailor's use). **'-ing-pin**, n. (bi'lei).

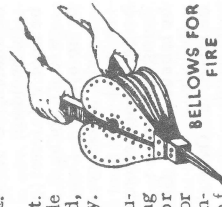
belch, i. v.i. & t. Let out gas from stomach through mouth with (loud) noise; send out (smoke, etc.). 2. n. Sound of belching. (belʃ).

'beldam(e), [Old] n. Old woman, gen. bad-natured. (beɪdəm).

be-'leaguer, v.t. BESIEGE. (bi'li:ge).

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bel'fry, n. High building for bell(s); place for bell(s) at top of church. ('bel'fri).
be'lie, v.t. Give false idea of; not come up to (hopes, etc.). (bi'li).
be'lie, n. Believing, sp., a religion; thing taken as true, sp., a religion.
B. m., sp., b. that (thing, person) has existence or is right, good, will do well; to the best of my b., as far as my knowledge goes. **be'lieve**, v.t. Have no doubt that (statement etc.) is true, (person) is saying what is true; b. some system of religion; be of the opinion (*that*). **B. m.**, have belief in. **be'liever**, n. Sp., in religion. (bi'li:v).
be'like, [Old] adv. Possibly. (bi'li:k).
be'little, v.t. Make seem unimportant, of little value. (bi'li:ti).
bell, i. n. Metal instrument, gen. in form of an upside-down cup with tongue inside it, sounding note when given a shake or a blow; thing in form of b., such as flower; apparatus by which, when button is pushed or cord pulled in one part of a house, a sound is made in another, as a door-b. r to g bb., half-hour divisions of watch on ship. 2. v.t. Put b. on. **'b.-boy**, -hop, [Am.] n. Boy servant in hotel. **'b.-pull**, n. Cord etc. for pulling house-bell. **b.-wether**, n. Sheep at head of others, with bell on neck. (bel).
bella donna, n. Plant with red flowers and black berries; poison from this, having special effect on the eyes, and used medically. (bel'a:do:n).
bel'le, n. Beautiful woman. (bel).
'belles-lettres, n. Polished writings, freq. about art or letters. ('bel'le:tr).
'bellicose, a. Desiring a fight. (bel'li:kus).
bel'ligerent, n., a. (Person or nation) at war; **bellicose**.
'bel'ligerant.
'bellow, n., v.i. & t. Loud noise made by cows, etc.; loud, sp. angry, cry. ('belou).
'bellows, n. Instrument for producing air-current for blowing up fire or working certain instruments in music. ('belouz).
'belly, i. n. Lower part of body in which is the stomach etc.; stomach. 2. v.t. & i. (Sp. of sails full of wind) make, get, curved out like b. ('beli).
be'long, v.i. Only b. here etc., be living here etc.; be rightly placed under this heading etc.; b. to, be the property of; go with, be part of. -ings, n. pl. Person's property. (bi'log).
be'loved, n., a. (One) much loved. (bi'la:v'd).



BEQUEATH

be'low, adv., prep. At, to, lower level (than); lower in position, authority, amount, degree, (than); later in book etc. (bi'lou).
belt, i. n. Band put round middle of body, to keep clothing in place; band; driving-band round two wheels. 2. v.t. Put b. round; give blows to with b. (belt).
be'moan, v.t. Be crying, sad, about. (bi'moun).
be'muse, v.t. Make (brain) clouded, slow. (bi'mju:z).
bench, n. Long hard seat; judge's seat; judges as a body; work-table. **back-bencher**, n. Less important M.P. with seat on back bench. (ben'f).
bend (bent), i. v.t. & i. Get, become, forced into curve or angle; get (steps, mind, eyes) turned (to); (make) give way. **Bent on**, with fixed purpose of. 2. n. Curve or angle. **bent**, i. a. 2. n. Natural tendency. (bend bent).
be'neath, adv., prep. Under, lower (than); not good enough for (b. notice, b. a person). (bi'ni:θ).
bene'diction, n. (Act of giving a) blessing. (ben'i'dik'ʃn).
bene'faction, n. Doing good; something given (to poor etc.). **benefactor**, n. One giving kind help to person etc., sp. money. (ben'i'fak'ʃn).
'benefice, n. Position in Church with payment. ('benifis).
be'neficent, a. Doing good; acting kindly. **bene'ficial** (ben'i'fi:l), a. Having good effect. **beneficiary**, n. Person getting money, rights etc., sp. by will. (bi'nefisi:t).
'benefit, i. n. Good done to, got from, something. **B. performance**, special giving of play etc., profits of which go to one of the actors. 2. v.t. & i. Do good to. **B. by**, get good from. ('benifit).
be'nevolent, a. Kind, doing good. (bi'nevoulant).
be'nighted, a. Overtaken by dark; without light of knowledge. (bi'naidid).
be'nign, a. Kind, soft-hearted; having good effect; (of diseases) not very serious. -ant (bi'nignant), a. Kind, sp. to those in lower position. (bi'nain).
'benison, [Old] n. A blessing. ('benizn).
bent. See **BEND**.
'Benthamism, n. Bentham's theory of making the greatest good of the greatest number the guiding rule of right behaviour. ('benthamizn).
be'numb, v.t. Take feeling from. (bi'nam).
ben'zene, **'benzol**, nn. Readily-burning chemical got from coal. (ben'zin, 'benzel).
ben'zine, n. Chemical substance got from petroleum, used for cleaning, painting, etc. (ben'zin).
be'queath, v.t. Give (property) at death (to)

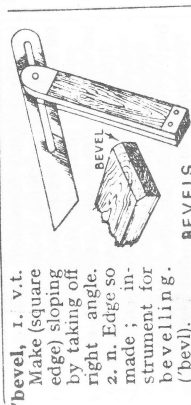
BERATE

give, be handing down, to those coming after. **be'quest**, n. Bequeathing; thing bequeathed. (bi'kwist).
be'rate, v.t. Say angry words to. (bi'reit).
be'reave (bereaved or bereft), v.t. Make unhappy by taking away (of hope etc.). -d, a. Having undergone loss of relation, friend, by death. (bi'reiv (bi'reft)).
'beret, n. Flat soft head-dress used by ladies. ('berel).
berri beri, n. Disease caused by living on such food as polished rice. ('beri beri).
berry, n. Any small fruit without a stone. (beri).
'berserk(er), n. [Hist.] Violent Norse fighting man. *Go b.*, become suddenly violent, out of control. (ber'sa:k(ə)).
berth, i. n. Place for ship in harbour; sleeping-place in ship or train; work, position. *Give a wide b. to*, keep out of the way of. 2. v.t. Get (ship) into b. (ba:θ).
beryl, n. Sort of jewel stone, light green, blue, yellow, or white. ('berli).
be'weech (besought), v.t. Make a strong request (for, that). (bi'si:t) (bi'si:t).
be'set (beset), v.t. Make attacks on (person) from all sides; make (way etc.) hard to get through. *Besetting sin*, one to which person has special tendency. (bi'set).
be'side, prep. At the side of, near; in comparison with. *B. oneself*, at the end of one's self-control; *b. the mark (question)*, away from the point -s, prep., adv. In addition to; other than. (bi'said).
be'st, v.t. Get, keep, armed forces round (town etc.) for purpose of attack. *B. with requests etc.*, keep on making requests etc. to. (bi'sid).
be'smirch, v.t. Smirch. (bi'sma:tʃ).
'besom, n. Number of small branches fixed on to end of stick as brush. ('bizəm).
be'sotted, a. Made foolish by drink, love etc. (bi'sotid).
be'sought. See **BESECH**.
be'speak (bespoke, bespoken), v.t. Give order for, make request for, before the time; be sign of. **be'spoke**, a. Made to order. *B. bootmaker etc.*, one who makes to order. (bi'spi:k (bi'spouk)).
best, i. a., adv., n. Most good (well). *B. man*, sp., friend acting as supporter to man getting married; *b. seller*, book which has very good market; *put one's b. foot forward*, go (do) as quickly as possible; *do it for the b.*, do it in belief that it is the right thing; *do one's b.*, do as well as one is able; *it's all for the b.*, it's all working for a good outcome; *make the b. of*, see the b. side of; not let oneself be made unhappy by. 2. v.t. That the better of. (best).
'bestial, a. O., like, animals; (of behaviour) low. ('bestjəl).

BETWIXT

be'stir, v. Only b. oneself, make a move; get going, working. (bi'stə).
be'stow, v.t. Give as offering (b. thing on); put (in a place). (bi'stəu).
be'stride (bestrode, bestriden), v.t. Have, put, one leg on one side of (a thing) and one on the other. (bi'straid (bi'stroud, bi'stridn)).
bet, i. v.t. Make an offer of (money etc.) in support of one's opinion about something uncertain. *B. a penny to a pound*, etc., b. penny against other person's pound; *b. on*, in support of; *you b.*, you may be certain. 2. n. Betting offer, agreement; money etc. b. on anything. (bet).
be'take (betook, betaken), v. Only b. oneself to, go to; take up (interest etc.). (bi'teik (bi'tuk)).
'betel, n. Leaf which, in India, is put round bits of nut and slowly crushed between the teeth. **'b.-nut**, n. The nut used with b. (bi:tl).
'bête noire, [F.] n. Thing or person specially hated by one. ('beit 'nwa:).
'bethel, n. Small church used by certain PROTESTANT groups. ('betəl).
be'think (bethought), v. Only b. oneself, have a sudden memory, idea (of, that). (bi'thɪŋk (bi'thɔ:t)).
be'tide, v.i. Come about (chiefly in whatever may b., *woe b. you*), (bi'taid).
'be'times, adv. Early. (bi'tainz).
be'token, v.t. Be a sign of. (bi'touken).
be'tray, v.t. Be false to (person); give (person) up to those against him; give away (secret); give sign of. (bi'trei).
be'troth, v.t. Make agreement for (one's daughter etc.) to be married (to). -ed, i. a. 2. n. B. person. (bi'traud).
'better, i. a., adv., n. More good (well); less or no longer ill. *Be b. than one's word*, do more than one has said one will; *I had b. go*, it would be wise for me to go; *for b. for worse*, whatever may come; *get the b. of*, overcome; *one's b. half*, the person one is married to; *one's b.*, those higher in society than oneself; *the b. part*, sp., the greater part; *think b. of*, sp., take back, make change in, one's decision about. 2. v.t. Make b. *B. oneself*; get a b. position. ('betə).
be'tween, prep., adv. In or into space, time etc. marked off by two or more named limits (*b. England and France*, *b. Tuesday and Thursday*); to and from (*sailing b. Cherbourg and New York*); taken part in by the things or persons named (*an agreement b.*); having some of the qualities of two or more named things (*a feeling b. love and hate*). Choose b., make a selection of one or the other of. (bi'twi:n).
be'twixt, [Old] prep., adv. Between. (bi'twixst).

BEVEL



BEVELS

- 'bevel**, *i. v. t.*
Make (square edge) sloping off by taking off right angle.
2. n. Edge so made; instrument for bevelling.
(be'vel).
- 'beverage**, *n.*
Any sort of drink. ('be'veridʒ).
'bevvy, *n.* Group (of women, birds). ('bevi).
'be'wall, *v. t. & i.* Be regretting, crying about. (bi'wel).
- 'be'ware**, *v. t. & i.* Be watching against, keep away from (freq. *b. of*); take care. (bi'weə).
- 'be'wilder**, *v. t.* Put at a loss, make uncertain, mixed up. (bi'wildə).
'be'witch, *v. t.* Put a spell on; be full of attraction for. ('wiŋ, a. Very beautiful or pleasing. (bi'wit).
- 'be'wray**, (Old) *v. t.* Give sign of, sp. unconsciously. (bi'rei).
- 'bey**, *n.* A Turkish ruler. (bej).
- 'be'yond**, *adv., prep.* At, to, the farther side (of); farther on (than); outside limit or range (of); in addition (to).
B. me, *sp.*, *n.* my powers; *the back of b.*, place far away from everything, hard to get at. (bi'jɒnd).
- 'be'zique**, *n.* Form of card-play. (bi'zi:k).
- 'bi-**, Having two (-*polar*); being in two ways (-*concave*); (coming) every two twice in one (-*centennial*, *b.-weekly*). (bai-).
- 'bias**, *i. n.* (Tendency to take) curving, sloping, direction; weight in ball causing *b.*; fixed idea, tendency, sp. against something. *Cut on the b.*, cut in a sloping direction across. *2. v. t.* Give a *b. to*. (baies).
- 'bilb**, *n.* Cloth put under baby's chin to keep dress clean; top part of apron. (bib).
- 'Bible**, *n.* Book on which Christian belief is based; any book taken as authority. ('biblikl), a. ('baibl).
- 'biblical**, a. ('biblikl).
- 'biblio-**, Of books; **'bibliography**, *n.* History of books; list of books by one writer or on one question etc. **'-phile**, *n.* Book-lover. ('bibliou-).
- 'bibulous**, a. Given to drink. ('bibjules).
- 'bi'carbonate**, *n.* CARBONATE with twice normal amount of acid. (bai'ka:bənit).
- 'biceps**, *n.* A muscle in top part of the arm. ('baiseips).
- 'bicker**, *v. i.* Have bad-humoured argument (about unimportant things). ('bikə).
- 'bicycle**, *i. n.* 2-wheeled machine for getting about on, worked by the legs. *2. v. i.* Go on a *b.* ('baiskl).
- 'bid** (bid or bade, bid(den)), *i. v. t.* Give order to; say (good day, etc.); (never *bade* or *bidden*) make offer of (price);

BILLET

- 'billet**, *i. n.* Private house giving rooms and food to military by order; position, work. *2. v. t.* Send to *bb.* ('bilit).
- 'billet-doux**, [*F.*] *n.* Love-letter. ('bilit-du).
- 'billiards**, *n.* An indoor sport, played with balls and long sticks on cloth-covered table with 6 pockets round. **'billiard-marker**, *n.* Person marking points at billiards. ('biljədz).
- 'billingsgate**, *n.* A London fish-market; very bad language. ('bilnzgit).
- 'billion**, *n.* [Brit.] 1,000,000,000,000; [Am.] 1,000,000,000. (biljən).
- 'billionaire**, *v. i. n.* (Come up in) great wave(s). (biljən).
- 'billy**, *n.* Tin vessel used as a kettle or cooking-pot. ('bili).
- 'billycock**, *n.* Man's hard, round-topped hat, gen. black. ('bilikɒk).
- 'billy-goat**, *n.* Male goat. ('biligəut).
- 'biltong**, *n.* Meat made dry in sun. (biltɒŋ).
- 'bi'metallism**, *n.* Money system in which values of gold and silver have a fixed relation to one another. (ba'i'metəlizəm).
- 'bitch**, *n.* Great wide-mouthed box or vessel for grain, coal, etc. (bitʃ).
- 'bind** (bound), *v. t.* Put cord etc. round; get, keep fixed (to, on, together), *sp.*, with condition; (sp. Law) have effect of forcing (person) to do or not do; get pages of (book) fixed into cover; put material round and over edge of. *E. oneself to*, give an undertaking to; *b. (person) over (to keep the peace, etc.)*, give order that if person makes trouble, he has to come before judge again; *b. up*, *sp.*, put dressing on (wound etc.); *bound to be*, certain to be. (*bind*, *i. n.* Sp. (of agreements etc.) making bound. *2. n.* Sp., book cover; material for binding edge. **'-weed**, *n.* Sorts of plant twisting themselves round others. (baund (baund)).
- 'binocle**, *n.* Box on ship in which direction instrument is fixed. ('binəkl).
- 'binocular**, *a.* For, with, two eyes. (*binokulə*).
- 'bi'nomial**, [*Math.*] *a. n.* (Made up of) two numbers, letters, etc., with the sign + or - between. (ba'i'nəmiəl).
- 'bi'ography**, *n.* History of person by another; this branch of letters. (ba'i'ogrəfi).
- 'biology**, *n.* Science of plants and animals. (ba'i'ɒlədʒi).
- 'bi'ped**, *a. n.* 2-legged (animal). ('baipəd).
- 'biplane**, *n.* Airplane with 2 PLANES. ('biplen).



BIPLANE

BITTER

- 'birch**, *i. n.* Smooth-skinned tree common in N., its wood, mass of small *b.* sticks for whipping schoolboys. *2. v. t.* Give blows with a *b.* (bɜ:tʃ).
- 'bird**, *n.* Any feathered animal. *B. of passage*, bird (person) who comes and goes; *b.'s-eye view*, wide view, (as if) seen from very high up; *bb. of a feather*, persons of the same sort; *give (an actor) the b.*, [Hum.] make unkind noises at. **'b-lime**, *n.* Sticky substance put on branches to get birds. **'b.-seed**, *n.* Seed given as food to birds. (bɜ:d).
- 'birth**, *n.* Process by which animal, baby comes into separate existence; start coming into existence, of thing; position in society by *b.*, *sp.* high. *Give b. to*, become the mother of. **'-day**, *n.* Day of the year on which one's birth took place. **'b.-mark**, *n.* Mark on body from birth. **'b.-rate**, *n.* Number of births in a year for every 1,000 persons. **'-right**, *n.* Right one has by birth. (bɜ:θ).
- 'biscuit**, *n.* Thin, hard, flat cake, freq. sweet; material of cups, plates, etc. before GLAZE is put on. ('biskit).
- 'bi'sect**, *v. t.* Make division into 2 (gen. equal) parts. **'-or**, *n.* Line bisecting. (ba'i'sekt).
- 'bishop**, *n.* One in Christian Church with authority over number of churches; sort of CRESSMAN. **'-ric**, *n.* Position of a bishop; part of country under a bishop. ('biʃəp).
- 'bismuth**, *n.* Light-red metal with medical use; substance with *b.* in it used for stomach troubles. ('biznəθ).
- 'bison**, *n.* Great animal of cow family not kept for use by man. (baizn).
- 'bit**, *n.* Small part or amount. *A b. (better, etc.)*, a little, somewhat; *b. by b.*, by degrees; *do one's b.*, do one's part; *for a b.*, for a little time; *give person a b. of one's mind*, make clear to a person one's poor opinion of him; *come to (in bb.)*, get (be) broken; *threepenny b.*, bit of silver money having value of 3d. (bit).
- 'bit**, *n.* Cutting or gripping part of certain instruments, such as DRILL, plane; bit of metal put in horse's mouth for control. *Take the b. between (in) one's teeth*, get out of control.
- 'bit, bitten**. See bite.
- 'bitch**, *n.* Female of dog or wolf. (bitʃ).
- 'bite** (bit, bitten), *i. v. t. & i.* Make a cut in or take a bit off with the teeth; make a wound with the teeth or (of insects, snakes etc.) mouth-parts; (of fish) take food on hook; (of acid etc.) make hole(s) in. *B. the dust*, come to violent end in fight; be shamed, made low. *2. n.* An act of biting; part bitten off; wound made by biting. **'biting**, *a.* Sp., cutting, cruel. (baɪt (bit)).
- 'bitter**, *a.* Opp. sweet, tasting like BILE; unhappy, bad-humoured; (of words etc.)

BITTERN

sharp, biting. -s, n. pl. Liquids made bitter with certain plants, taken as help to digestion. ('bit').

'bittern, n. Sorts of water-bird with a sad cry. ('bitan).

'bitumen, n. Name of certain readily-burning natural substances. 'bituminous, a. ('bitjumin).

'bivalve, n. Water animal with hard outer cover in two parts. ('baivalv).

'bivouac, i. v. i. (Of army, etc.) take short rest in the open without cover. 2. n. (Place of) bivouacking army. ('bivvak).

'bizarre, a. Very strange, uncommon. ('bizaz).

'blab, [Com.] v. t. & i. Let out (secret) in talk. ('blab).

'black, i. a. Of the colour of coal, opp. white; very dark; (of person) having dark brown skin; bad, wrong. B. and blue, sp., with skin marked (as) by blaws;

B. Aris, bad magic; B. Jack, b. flag of sea outlaw; b. looks, angry looks;

b. sheep, sp., good-for-nothing person. 2. n. B. colour; b. person, sp. African.

3. v. t. Make b.; put b. polish on. Keep (person) from joining club, by giving vote against him. -beetle, n.

Dark vorse house beetle coming out at night. -berry, n. (A low, tree-like plant with) small fruit formed of berry-like divisions. -bird, n. Song-bird common in Europe. -b-board, n. Board used in schools etc. for writing on with chalk. -guard (blagad), n. Low, rough person. -b-head, n. Substance stopping up pore and forming dark point on skin. -ing, n. Sp., black shoe polish. -jack, n. Leather wine bottle; short, metal-headed instrument used for attack. -b-lead, i. n. Black substance for polishing fireplaces etc. 2. v. t. Put b. on.

-leg, n. Person doing work of men on looked on as a danger or marked for punishment. 2. v. t. Put on b. -mail, i. v. t. Make (person) give one money to keep thing secret. 2. n. Blackmailing.

-out, n. Keeping of town(s) dark in wartime. -shirt, n. Fascist. -smith, n.

Iron-worker, sp. shoer of horses. (blak).

'bladder, n. Bag-like part in body, sp. that for waste liquid; skin of b., or other b.-like bag. ('blade).

'blade, n. Flat, narrow leaf, sp. of grass; flat or cutting part of any instrument; sword; pleasure-loving young man. (bleid).

'blah, [Hum.] n. High-sounding talk or writing with nothing in it. ('bla).

'blame, i. v. t. Say (person) is responsible for error, wrongdoing. Be to b. (for), be responsible (for). 2. n. Blaming; condition of being responsible for error etc. -less,

BLEACH

a. Sp., doing no wrong. -worthy, a. Rightly to be bleached. (bleim).

'blanch, v. t. & i. Make white by taking colour out of, skin off (nuts), or keeping light from (plants); (make) become white-faced, through fear etc. (blanch).

'blanc-mange, n. Jelly made with milk. (blamang).

'bland, a. Kind, smooth, (in talk, behaviour); [Med.] comforting. (bland).

'blandishment, n. Pleasing ways used to get person to do something (gen. bb.). (blandishment).

'blank, i. a. Without writing, print, etc.; (of face) without sign of interest, feeling. B. cartridge, one without ball in it; b. cheque, one without amount on it; b. verse, verse in lines of 5 rhythm units, without rhyme. 2. n. B. space in writing etc. Draw a b., sp., get nothing (when hoping for something); my mind is a b., is without an idea. (blank).

'blanket, n. Wool cloth used as bed-cover, horse-cloth, or clothing. B. instructions, general directions covering everything; and b., person taking the pleasure out of things for others. (blankit).

'blare, v. l. & t. n. (Make) loud sound (as) of brass instruments of music. (blaz).

'blarney, i. v. t. & i. Say pleasing things to, to give pleasure. 2. n. Blarneying talk. (blarney).

'blasé, [F.] a. Tired of, over-used to, pleasure. (blaze).

'blas pheme, v. l. & t. Say things without respect (about Higher Being or religion). (blasphemy).

'blasphemy, n. Blaspheming; blaspheming word(s). (blasfem).

'blast, i. n. Strong current of air, wind; sound of wind instrument; the amount of gunpowder used at one time to get earth, stone, broken up. 2. v. t. Get (earth, stone) broken up with gunpowder; make come to nothing. B. (th)!, [Com.] used when angry. -ed, a. Sp., [Com.] word used of something about which one is angry. -b-furnace, n. One into which heated current of air is forced. (blast).

'blatant, a. Pushing, loud, without shame. (bleitant).

'blather, n., v. i. Foolish talk. ('blab).

'blaze, i. n. Bright flame or fire; strong light; violent outburst. Go to bb., get out! 2. v. i. Be burning with bright flame; be bright (with light, colour); have angry outburst. (bleiz).

'blaze, i. v. t. Make cut, etc. on (tree) as sign of way; get (way) so marked. 2. n. Such mark; white mark on horse's face. ('bleiz).

'blazer, n. (Bright) sports coat. ('bleiz).

'blazon, v. t. Make public; put (COAT OF ARMS, coloured design) on. b. design on. ('bleiz).

'bleach, v. t. & i. Make, become, white by effect of sun, or by chemical process. (bli:t/f).

BLOOM

& i. Make b(b). on; get b(b). ('bliste). 'blizzard, n. Great fall of snow with very strong, cold wind. ('blizad).

'bloat, v. t. & i. Make, become, great in size as if full of air. -ed, a. Unhealthily fat. -er, n. Salt, smoked herring. (blout).

'blob, n. Drop of liquid; small round mass or mark. (blob).

'block, i. n. Solid mass of stone, wood etc.; square etc. of building-stone; bit of wood etc. on which pictures, letters, are cut for printing; hat-making form, group of buildings limited by (gen. 4) streets; group (of seats etc.) forming unit; apparatus for lifting, pulling, formed of hollow-edged wheel(s) and cord(s) (b. and tackle); mass of carts, automobiles etc., stopped by something in the way. Go to the b., have one's head cut off as punishment. 2. v. t. Get, put something in the way of; get formed on b. B. in, out, make rough picture of without details. -age, n. Condition of being blocked, stopped up by something. -head, n. Foolish, slow person. -house, n. Strong house of wood with holes for firing through. (block).

'bloc'kade, i. n. The cutting off of a place by ships, army, etc., to keep goods, help, out. Raise a b., put a stop to a b.; run a b., get through blockading force. 2. v. t. Put a b. into operation against. (blo'keid).

'bloke, [Hum.] n. Man. (blouk).

'blond(e), i. a. Light (of hair, skin). 2. n. B. person. (blond).

'blood, i. n. Red liquid in body of higher animals; family, birth; pleasure-loving young man. Bad b. between, bad feeling between; b. horse, one of good birth; blue b., high birth; in cold b., not in the heat of feeling, not on impulse; am; flesh and b., one's relations. 2. v. t. Give first taste of b. to (dog etc.). -b.-cutting, a. Sending cold feeling of fear through one. -hound, n. Great dog used for looking for persons etc. by smell. -less, a. Sp., without power of strong feeling. B. revolution etc., one with no deaths. -b.-money, n. Reward for handing person over to be put to death. -shed, n. Putting to death. -shot, a. (Of eyes) with whites red. -stone, n. Dark green jewel stone with red marks. -b.-sucker, n. LEECH; one using power over another to get money from him. -thirsty, a. Cruel, taking pleasure in causing death. -b.-vessel, n. Any of pipes taking blood through body. -y, a. Sp., causing bloodshed, cruel; word used as outlet for strong feeling against. (blad).

'bloom, i. n. Flower; flowering; best stage; at their best. 2. v. i. Have flowers, be in flower; be healthy, beautiful, at one's best. -ing, a. Sp., [Hum.] word used of something giving trouble etc. (blum).

BLEAK

'bleak, a. Cold; unfertile; without comfort, ornament. (blik).

'blear, i. v. t. Make (eyes) feeble, red and watering; make seen as in mist. 2. a. Bleared. -y, a. Blear. (blia).

'bleat, i. n. Cry of sheep. 2. v. i. & t. Give b(b); say feebly, foolishly. (bli:t).

'bleed (bled), v. t. Undergo loss of, let out, blood; [Med.] take blood from; get much money out of. (bled) (bled).

'blemish, i. n. Damaging mark etc. 2. v. t. Make b. on, do damage to. ('blemif).

'blench, v. i. Make a quick move of fear. (blenf).

'blend, i. v. t. & i. Get mixed so as to become one; (of colours, etc.) have no clear line of division between them; go well together. 2. n. Blended substance. (blend).

'bless, v. t. (Sp. of Higher Power) give approval or help to, make happy; will b.; request to Higher Power that he will b.; make great the name of (Higher Power) for his loving care etc. B. me (my soul)!

cry of good-humoured surprise; b. one's stars, be conscious of one's debt to chance; blessed with, happy in having. -ed (blesid), blest, aa. Sp., completely good, very happy; greatly valued; with God (sp. the B.); [Hum.] troubling. -edness, n. Single b., unmarried condition. -ing, n. Act or words blessing; thing making happy; happy chance. (bles).

'blight, i. n. Sorts of plant disease; thing putting an end to development, hope, pleasure. 2. v. t. Be a b. to. -er, [Hum.] n. Foolish, troubling person. (blait).

'blighty, [Hum.] n. Army word for England used when away from it. ('blait).

'blimey [Com.] int. Used as sign of surprise. ('bleim).

'blind, i. a. Unable to see; not seeing what effects will be; not controlled by purpose, reason. B. alley, one with no way out at far end; b. drunk, b. to the world, very much the worse for drink; b. turning, one hard to see. 2. v. t. Make b. -fold, i. v. t. Put band over eyes of. 2. a., adv. Blindfolded. -b.-man's-buff, n. Form of play in which blindfold player goes after others. (blind).

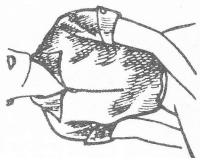
'blind, n. Window cover on roller; thing used as cover for acts, designs. blink, i. v. t. & i. Make motion(s) of opening and shutting (eyes) quickly; (of light) come and go. B. the facts, keep the mind shut to them. 2. n. Motion of blinking. -ing, a. Sp., [Hum.] word used of something giving trouble etc. -ers, n. pl. Square of leather to keep horse from seeing sideways. (blik).

'bliss, n. Completely happy condition. (blis).

'blister, i. n. Pocket of liquid formed on skin, caused by rubbing, burning, etc.; small b.-like place on paint, etc. 2. v. t.

BLOOMER

bloomer, [Hum.] n. Foolish error.
'bloomers, n. pl. Women's short, full trousers, tight at knee. ('bluməz).
'blossom, i. n. Flower; mass of flowers on tree. 2. v.i. Come into flower. ('blɒsəm).
blot, i. n. Dirty mark made by ink etc.; thing or quality making value less. 2. v.t. & i. Make b(b). on; put special paper on (writing etc.) to make ink dry.
B. out, keep from view; put out of existence. '-ter, n. Bit of paper for blotting. '-ting-paper, n. Red place on skin; dirty ink mark etc. (blotf).
blouse, n. Clothing for top part of body, kept in place by band, sp. of skirt (blauz).
blow (blew, blown), i. v.i. & t. Be moving as air-current (*the wind blows*); send out strong current of air from mouth; give motion to by blowing; make sound with (wind-instrument) by blowing into; give form to (glass etc.) by blowing; get clear by blowing (nose etc.); [Let.] I in flower. *Blowed if I will* i. [Hum.] I certainly will not; b. out (*light*), put an end to oneself by firing into one's head; b. up, make full of air; put or come to destruction by gunpowder. 2. n. A blowing. -er, n. Apparatus for sending current of air through fire etc. -fly, n. Common meat fly. -n, a. Sp., out of breath. -pipe, n. Pipe for heating flame by sending air etc. into it. '-y, a. With wind. (blou (blur)).



WOMAN'S BLOUSE

blow, n. Sudden coming against something with hand, instrument etc.; shock. *Come to bb.*, have a fight.
'blowzy, a. Red-faced, rough-looking, badly-dressed (of woman). ('blauzi).
'blubber, v.i. Weep loudly. ('blabə).
'blubber, n. Fat of whale.
'bludgeon, v.t., n. Give blows to with stick with weighted head. ('bladʒn).
blue, i. a. Coloured like clear sky or deep sea; unhappy. *B. ribbon, riband*, sign of highest place in any field of competition; *once in a b. moon*, almost never; *out of the b.*, coming as a complete surprise. 2. n. B. colour; b. powder used in washing linen. *Cambridge (Oxford) b.*, sportsman playing for Cambridge (Oxford); *the bb.*, [Hum.] condition of feeling low, unhappy. 3. v.t. Put (linen etc.) into b.-water after washing. '-bell, n. Woodland flower. '-book, n. Book put out by Government on some question. '-bottle, n. Common

BOAT

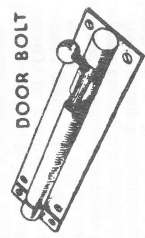
meat fly. -jacket, n. Sailor in sea force. -stocking, [Hum.] n. Woman of learning. (blu:).
bluff, i. a. (Of headland, ship) having wide, straight up-and-down front; (of person, behaviour) open, good-humoured, simple. 2. n. B. headland. (blaf).
bluff, i. v.t. & i. Make oneself seem stronger than one is, for purpose of tricking (per son). 2. n. Bluffing behaviour. *Call person's b.*, get person's b. uncovered.
'blunder, i. n. Foolish error. 2. v.i. Make b.; go uncertainly, as if not seeing. ('blʌnde).
'blunderbuss, [Hist.] n. Gun with wide opening and short range. ('blʌndəbʌs).
blunt, i. a. Not sharp; straightforward, unpolished. 2. v.t. Make less sharp. (blant).
blur, i. n. Dirty, rubbed mark; something seen without sharp outline. 2. v.t. & i. Make b. on; make, become, unclear. (ble:).
blurb, [Com.] n. Account of book given on cover or in advertisement. (blə:b).
blurt, v.t. Say suddenly (sp. something secret) (freq. b. out). (blɜ:t).
blush, i. v.i. Become red with shame, etc. 2. n. Wave of red coming into face. *At first b.*, at first look. (blʌʃ).
'bluster, v.i. & t. n. Be violent, rough; say loudly, angrily. ('blʌstə).
'boar, n. Sort of great snake crushing animals to death in its folds (freq. b. constrator); long band of feathers etc. for woman's neck. ('bəʊə).
board, i. n. Long, thin, flat bit of wood with squared edges; flat structure made of, or like, bb.; thick, stiff paper used for book-covers etc.; table with food (*groaning b.*); meals day by day (*b. and lodging*); controlling committee. *Above b.*, openly; *go by the b.*, sp., be dropped (out of account); *on b.*, on or in (to) ship; *on the bb.*, sp., on the stage. 2. v.t. & i. Put b(b). over (*b. up, b. over*); get or give regular meals, and gen. room, for payment; get onto (ship, train etc.). '-er, n. One boarding somewhere. '-ing-house, boards fixed together. '-ing-school, n. One controlled by Board formed in 1870. (bɔ:d).
boast, i. v.i. & t. Make much of one's acts, property, etc.; be in the happy position of having. 2. n. Boasting statement; fact boasted about. (bəʊst).
boat, n. Small open vessel, fishing-vessel, or small steamer; [loosely] any ship. *In the same b.*, in the same condition, position. '-er, n. Sp., man's hard summer hat. '-hook, n. Long hooked stick for moving boats. '-ing, n. Going in open boat for pleasure. -man, n. One who takes persons out in boat for payment. '-swain ('bəʊsn), n. Chief of common seamen on ship. (bəʊt).

BOB

bob, v.i. & t, n. (Make) quick motion up and down, sp. as mark of respect. (bɒb).
bob, i. n. Woman's hair cut short and bang-ing loose. 2. v.t. Get (hair) so cut. '-tailed, a. With tail cut short.
bob, [Hum.] n. Shilling.
'bobbin, n. Small roller round which thread etc. is twisted. (bɒbɪn).
'bobby, [Hum.] n. Policeman. (bɒbi).
'bobolink, n. N. Am. song-bird. ('bɒbelɪŋk).
'bobsled, 'bobsleigh, n. Sleigh formed of 2 short ones joined. ('bɒbsleɪ).
bode, v.t. & i. Be sign, have feeling, of (future trouble). *B. well, ill*, be good, bad, sign. (bəʊd).
'bodice, n. Tight top part of woman's dress or underclothing. ('bɒdɪs).
'bookkin, n. Thick needle for putting elastic etc. through clothing. ('bɒkɪn).
'body, n. Physical structure of man or animal, living or dead (freq. as opp. mind); part of b. to which head, arms, and legs are joined; chief, middle part of thing; [Com.] a person; group of persons acting together; a material thing, substance. *The b. politic*, the b. of persons living under a government, the nation; *wine of good b.*, wine of full, strong quality.
'bodily, i. a. To do with the body. 2. adv. As a mass, completely. -guard, n. Man, body of men, keeping watch over important person. ('bɒdi).
'Boer, n., a. Dutch S. African. ('bəʊə).
bog, n. Wet sponge-like land. '-ged (bogged), a. Unable to get on, as in bog. (bɒg).
'bog(e)ly, n. Bad fairy; thing causing unnecessary fear. (bɒg).
'boggle, v.i. Make uncertain motions. *B. at*, be unready to do. ('bɒgl).
'bogus, a. False, not what it seems. ('bəʊs).
bohemian, n., a. (Person) without respect for normal ways of society. (bəʊ'hi:miən).
boil, n. Hard, red, poisoned growth bursting out on skin. (bɔɪl).
boil, i. v.i. & t. (Of liquid) be heated to point of becoming gas; get (liquid) or liquid in (vessel), boiling; get cooked in boiling liquid; be moved like boiling water. *B. down*, make less by boiling; make (book etc.) shorter; *one's blood boils*, one is very angry. 2. n. Condition of boiling (*to, at, on, the b.*). '-er, n. Sp., great vessel for boiling in, apparatus for producing steam for engine. '-ing-point, n. Degree of heat at which liquid boils.
'boisterous, a. Violent, rough, loud; loudly good-humoured. ('bɔɪstəs).
bold, a. Without fear; forward in behaviour; strongly marked. (bəʊld).
bole, n. Tree stem. (bəʊl).
bohero, n. Spanish dance.
short coat, n. Spanish (bout) tearout.

BONE

boll, n. Round seed-vessel of cotton and other plants. (bəʊl).
'Bolshevik, n. Supporter of system of government by soviets in Russia; any-one desiring great or violent change. ('bɒlʃevɪk).
'bolster, i. n. Long under-cushion put at head of bed. 2. v.t. *B. up*, give (sp. seeming) support to. ('bəʊlstə).
bolt, i. n. Metal pin, gen. with screw end, for keeping machine parts etc. together; rod pushed across door to keep it shut; short, thick arrow. *B.*, from the blue, complete surprise (gen. a shock). 2. v.t. Get fixed together or shut with b(b). (bəʊlt).
bolt, v.i. & t. (Sp. of horse out of control) go suddenly running off; get (food) down quickly; (of plants) go to seed before right time.
bolt, adv. Only b. *upright*, quite upright.
bomb, i. n. Hollow ball etc. full of explosive, for causing destruction by bursting. 2. v.t. Send bb. at. '-shell, n. Sp., thing coming as great shock. (bɒm).
bomb, v.t. Make attack on with gunfire. (bɒm'bɜ:d).
'bombast, n. High-sounding, self-important talk. ('bɒmbəst).
'bons fide, [L.] a. adv. True, straightforward. *Bons fides*, (condition of having) a b.f. purpose. (bəʊns 'faɪdi).
bohanza, n. Anything (sp. a mine) making great profit; time of doing well. (bəʊ'nanzə).
'bonbon, n. A sweet. ('bɒnbɒn).
bond, i. n. Force uniting or keeping fixed; agreement having force in law; paper undertaking payment of money, sp. in connection with government or company LOAN. *Bb.*, prisoner's chains; *goods in b.*, goods in customs storehouse waiting payment of tax. *Bond-*, not free. 2. v.t. Put (goods) in b. -age, n. Condition of not being free. -ed, a. In bond; (of debt) made safe by bonds. (bəʊnd).
bone, i. n. Any of the separate parts of the hard framework in bodies of higher animals; material of bb.; b.-like thing. *B. of contention*, cause of argument; *have a b. to pick with*, have cause for an argument with; *make no bb. about*, make no trouble about. 2. v.t. Take bb. out of (fish etc.); put bb. into (clothing etc.). *b.-dry*, a. Completely dry. 'bony, a. Sp., thin. (bəʊn).



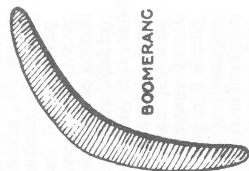
DOOR BOLT



BOLT WITH NUT

BONFIRE

'bonfire, n. Fire made out of doors. ('bonfaie).
'bonhomie, [F.] n. Good-humoured behaviour. ('bonomi).
'bon mot, [F.] n. Witty remark. ('bon 'mou).
'bonnet, n. Woman's or baby's head-dress with bands going under chin; part covering engine of automobile, etc. ('bonit).
'bonny, a. Healthily good-looking. ('boni).
'bonus, n. Payment made in addition to normal one, sp. to workers. ('bounes).
'boo, n., v.t., int. Noise of disgust. (bu:).
'booby, n. Foolish, slow person. *B. prize*, one given to person who is last, worst; *b. trap*, things balanced on top of door to come down on first person who goes through it; [Mil.] trick apparatus for causing death automatically. ('bu:bi).
book, i. n. Number of leaves of paper, with or without print etc., fixed in cover, for reading or writing; reading-material etc. for b.; the words of an opera. *Bring person to b.*, make him give an account of his acts; *in a person's good (bad, black) bb.*, having (not having) his approval; *suit one's b.*, be in harmony with one's designs. 2. v.t. Put down (name, order etc.) in b. or list; get, give, order for (ticket, seat etc.); get (person) to say he will do something on certain day. **'b-o-c-a-s-e**, n. Book cupboard.
'-ie, **'-maker**, nn. One whose business is taking bets on horses. **'-ing-office**, n. One where tickets are booked.
'-ish, a. Given to much reading.
'b-keeper, n. One keeping accounts of a business. **'b-keeping**, n. Work of a book-keeper. **'b-mark**, n. Thing for marking place in book. **'b-plate**, n. Bit of paper with design and owner's name for pasting in book. **'b-rest**, n. Support for open books. **'worm**, n. Worm making holes in books; great reader. (buk).
boom, n. Rod of wood keeping sail-foot stretched (see mast); chain, masts of wood etc., put across river or harbour mouth to keep vessels out in time of war. (bu:m).
boom, v.i., n. (Make) deep, hollow noise. time when business is good.
'boomerang, n. Thin, curved stick used by early Australians in war etc., which, when sent through air, comes back to sender. ('bu:m-atan).



BOOMERANG

boon, n. Thing requested; thing of great use, value. *B. companion*, one with whom one has a good time. (bu:n).

BORZOI

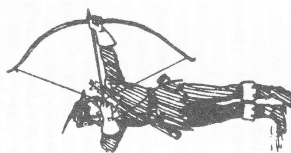
boor, n. Countryman of low birth; rough, unpolished person. (bu:e).
boost, v.t., n. (Give) push up; (give) help in getting on, sp. by advertisement. (bu:st).
boot, n. Only to b., in addition. **'-less**, a. (Of act etc.) of no use. (bu:t).
boot, n. Outer cover of leather etc. for foot, coming part of way up leg. *Give (get) the b.*, [Hum.] put (be put) out of work; *have heart in one's bb.*, be in fear, without hope; *the bb.*, b-cleaner in hotel. **'-ee**, n. Baby's short wool boot.
'b-jack, n. Instrument for pulling boots off. **'-lace**, n. Cord for doing up boots.
'-legger, n. One making or marketing strong drink against the law. **'b-tree**, n. Apparatus for putting in boots, shoes, to keep them stretched.
booth, n. Covered structure of canvas, thin wood etc., as used in markets. (bu:d).
'booty, n. Property taken by band of outlaws etc. ('bu:ti).
booze, [Hum.] i. n. Strong drink. 2. v.i. Take much strong drink. (bu:z).
'bo-peep, n. Play with baby, in which, suddenly looking out from back of something, one says "Peep-bo." (bu:'pip).
'borax, n. A white salt used in glass-making and for cleaning. **bo-racic**, **boric**, aa. ('bo:traks).
'border, i. n. Edge or part near it, limit; line of division between countries; flower-bed edging garden; band of colour etc. edging material. *The B.*, land near b. between England and Scotland. 2. v.t. & i. Put b. round; be b. to. *B. on*, be almost. **'-land**, n. Sp., anything on the edge of a field of interest etc. ('bo:de).
bore, i. v.t. & i. Make (narrow, deep hole) with pointed instrument etc.; b. hole in *through*. 2. n. Hollow through pipe of gun; size of this across. (bo:).
bore, i. n. Uninteresting talker; uninteresting work etc. 2. v.t. Make tired by being uninteresting. **'-dorn**, n. Condition of being bored.
bore, n. Very high sea-wave rolling up the mouth of a river.
bore. See BEAR.
born, i. See BEAR. 2. a. By birth, by natural qualities.
borne. See BEAR.
'borough, n. (In England) town, part of town, sending representative to PARLIAMENT. ('ba:ri).
'borrow, v.t. & i. Get the use of (money, thing) for a time; make use of another's words, ideas etc. ('borou).
'Borstal, i. n. Name of prison in Kent where young wrongdoers are given special training. 2. a. Of any prison or system based on the same idea. (bo:stl).
'borzoi, n. Russian dog for sport. ('bo:zoi).

BOSH

bosh, [Hum.] n. Foolish talk. (bo:).
'bosky, a. Wooded. ('boski).
'bosom, n. Chest; seat of feelings, sp. of love; the middle of *B. friend*, very dear friend. ('buzam).
boss, n. Round button-like part, ornament, on something. (bos).
boss, [Com.] i. n. Head of organization, overseer. 2. v.t. Be b. of, give orders to. **'-y**, a. With tendency to boss.
'botany, n. Science of plants. **'botanize**, v.i. Make observations of plants. ('botani).
botch, v.t. & i. n. Do (work etc.) badly, roughly. (botf).
both, a., pron., adv. (Of 2 things, persons) not only one of them, but the 2. (bu:ð).
'bother, i. n. Trouble. 2. v.t. & i. Be a b. to; take trouble. 3. int. What a b.! **'-some**, a. Causing b. ('boðe).
'bottle, i. n. Vessel with narrow neck, gen. of glass, *b. up*, give no outlet to. Put in b(b). *B. up*, give no outlet to (feelings). **'b-green**, a. Dark green.
'b-neck, n. Very narrow part of road etc. joining wider parts. ('botl).
'bottom, i. n. Lowest part, base; seat of person's body; bed of river, sea etc.; lowest, least important, place, position. *Go, get, to the b. of*, sp., get at true facts of. 2. a. Lowest. **'-less**, a. Sp., very deep. ('botam).
'boudoir, n. Woman's private room. ('bu:doi).
bought, n. Great branch of a tree. (bau).
bought. See BUY.
'boulder, [F.] n. Soup, sp. clear. ('bu:lon).
'boulder, n. Great stone, sp. one made round by weather or water. ('boula).
'boulevard, n. Wide street edged with trees. ('bulva:di).
bounce, i. v.i. & t. (Of ball etc.) come jumping up, back, again, after being sent against something hard; (of persons) go bursting (*into, out of*); get (person) pushed into decision without time for thought. 2. n. A bouncing; pushing behaviour. **'bouncing**, a. Sp., strong, healthy. (bauns).
bound, i. n. Limit (gen. bb.). 2. v.t. Be the b. of; put b. to. **'-ary**, n. Limiting line. **'-less**, a. Sp. very great. (baund).
bound, i. v.i. Make a jump, go forward in jumps. 2. n. Jump up or forward. **'-er**, n. Sp. (Com.), person of loud, bad, behaviour.
bound, a. About to go, on the way, to a place (*outward b.*).
bound. See BIND.
'boulder, a. Only one's b. duty, what it is clearly right for one to do. ('baundan).
'bounty, n. Giving on great scale; things given to poor etc.; payment made by government as help to industry, trade.
'bounteous, **'bountiful**, aa. In great amount; giving much. ('baunti).

BOWLINE

'bouquet, n. Flowers for taking in hand as ornament; smell (of wine). ('buket).
'bourgeois, a., n. (Of) the middle division of society; narrow in outlook, caring chiefly for material well-being. ('bue:zwa:).
'bourn, n. Very small river. (born).
'bourn(e), [Let.] n. Place to which one is going. (buan).
'bourse, n. Money-market in European countries. (bu:es).
bout, n. Short outburst, attack (of); fight for sport. (bau:).
'bovine, a. Of cows, etc.; like a cow. ('bouvain).
bow, n. Curved stick with cord stretched from end to end, for sending ARROWS; corded stick for playing violin etc.; curve like b.; knot pulled out into 1 or 2 wings. *Draw the long b.*, give highly coloured account; *two strings to one's b.*, two possible ways of giving effect to designs. **'b-legged**, a. With legs curving out at knee. **'-man**, n. Archer. **'-shot**, n. Distance ARROW is sent. **'b-window**, n. One curved out in bow. (bou).
bow, n. Front end of a BOW AND ARROW boat. (bau).
bow, i. v.i. & t. Make head or body bent forward, sp. as sign of respect; b. (head); give way (to authority, power). *B. down to*, give great respect to as Higher Being. 2. n. Act of bowing as sign of respect.
'bowdlerize, v.t. Take out of (book, etc.) parts which might be shocking. ('baudlaraiz).
'bowel, n. Part of digestion system taking waste from stomach (gen. bb.). ('baul).
'bower, n. Garden-house, place shut in by leaves; [Let.] woman's room. ('baue).
'bowie-knife, n. Knife with long blade two-edged at point. ('bounaif). **'-er**, n. Man's hard, round-topped hat, gen. black. (bou).
bow, i. n. Wood ball, not quite round, weighted on one side. *Bb.*, sp., form of sport played with bb. on grass. 2. v.i. & t. Take part in bb.; (of cart, etc.) go quickly and smoothly (*on etc.*); (in CRICKET) send (ball) rolling to BATSMAN. *Bowled over*, sent off one's feet; overcome, crushed. **'-er**, n. Bowls player; one bowling in CRICKET.
'bowline, n. Cord going from edge of



ARCHER WITH BOW AND ARROW

BOWSPRIT

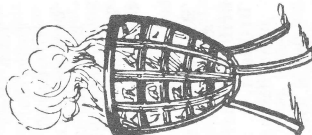
square sail to front part of ship; sort of sailor's knot. (boulin).
'bowsprit, n. Wood support for sail(s) going forward from ship's front end. (bouspritt).
box, i. n. Vessel for solids, freq. 4-sided and with carriage; shut-off space in forms of group of persons. *B. office*, theatre for group of persons; *Christmas b.*, money given to tradesmen etc. at Christmas. 2. v. t. Put in a *b. B. the compass*. 2. v. t. Put in it in the right order. *'-ing-day*, n. Dec. 26th. *'b.-pleat*, n. *See* PLEAT. (boks).
box, i. v. t. & i. Give person blow(s) on (his ears); have fight with gloves. 2. n. Blow on the ears. *'-er*, n. Fighter with gloves. *'-ing*, n. Fighting with gloves.
box, n. Sorts of small evergreen tree; wood of this. *'-wood*, n.
boy, n. Young male in stage between baby and man; son; male servant (in E.). *B. scout*, one in organization formed by Baden-Powell for training boys in good qualities. (boi).
'boycott, i. v. t. (Take part in general agreement to) have no trade or other relations with, as punishment etc. 2. n. Boycotting. (boikot).
brace, i. v. t. Give support to, make tight; make stronger, healthier. *B. oneself up*, make oneself strong, ready (for). 2. n. Thing bracing, sp. iron or wood support in building. *Bb.*, sp., bands keeping up trousers; *b. and bit*, turning instrument for making holes in wood, etc. *'bracing*, a. Making healthier, stronger (of air, place, etc.). (breis).
brace, n. 2. of same sort (sp. birds, dogs).
'bracelet, n. Band or chain used as ornament for arm or leg. (breislitt).
'bracken, n. Sort of great fern common on waste places; mass of such plants. (braken).
'bracket, i. n. Wood or metal support for shelf etc.; any support coming out from wall for ornament, light, etc.; one of 2 marks used for grouping, or for marking off part of statement etc., (), [], { }, 2. v. t. Get (words) grouped by a [].
'brackish, a. (Of water) having a salt taste, but less salt than sea. (braki).
brad, n. Thin, flat nail with no head. (brad).
'bradawl, n. Pointed instrument for making small holes in leather etc. (bradoil).
brae (Scott.) n. A slope. (brei).
brag, v. i. Say self-important things (about one's doings etc.). *'-gart*, n. Bragging person. (brag).
'Brahmin, n. Hindu priest, one of highest group in Hindu society. (bra:min).

BRAT

braid, i. n. PLAIT of hair, narrow band of cloth, twisted thread etc., used for edging etc. 2. v. t. Put (hair) into b(b); put b. on. (breid).
braille, n. System of printing for reading by touch, for those unable to see. (breil).
brain, i. n. Mass of soft grey substance in head controlling nerve system: *b.* looked on as instrument of thought (freq. *bb.*). *Have something on the b.*, be unable to get away from an idea. 2. v. t. Put to death by crushing blow on head. *'b.-fag*, n. Tired condition of brain, nerves. *'-less*, a. Foolish. *'b.-wave*, n. Sudden bright idea. *'-y*, a. Having a good brain, mind. (brein).
braise, v. t. Get cooked slowly in a covered pot. (breiz).
brake, n. Band of low trees etc. (breik).
brake, i. n. Apparatus for making motion of wheel etc. slower. 2. v. t. & i. Put b(b), in operation on; have effect of a b. on. *'sman*, n. Man looking after train brakes.
'bramble, n. Any tree-like plant with sharp points on stem, sp., blackberry. (brambli).
bran, n. Hard outer covers of grain got separate from it after crushing. (bran).
branch, i. n. Arm-like division of chief stem of tree etc., or smaller division coming from this; any b.-like division, as of roads, railway, family, organization, field of knowledge, etc.; any one of number of stores, offices, under one company. 2. v. i. Put out bb.; be forked. *B. out*, sp., v. i. Put out bb.; be forked. *B. out*, sp., have expansion in new direction(s). (brant).
brand, i. n. Bit of burning wood; iron stamp for burning mark into something; mark made by this; (sort of goods having) trade-mark. *B. from the burning*, wrongdoer who has seen his error. 2. v. t. Make mark on with b.; make deep mark on (memory etc.); give a bad name to (b. as). *b.-new*, a. Very new. (brand).
'brandy, v. t. Be waving. (brandif).
'brandy, n. Alcohol drink made from wine. (brandi).
brass, n. Bright yellow metal made of copper mixed with zinc; things made of b.; b. plate put in churches in memory of the dead; [Hum.] money; [Hum.] condition of being without shame. *B. had*, [Hum.] person with high military position: *the b(b)*, sp., the b. instruments in a band. *'-y*, i. a. 2. n. Stick weighted with brass used in golf. (bras).
'brassière, [F.] n. Bra: support put on under woman's dress. (brasjea).
brat, n. Baby, young boy or girl, looked on as a trouble or with disgust. (brat).

BRAVE

brave, i. a. Ready to go into danger, having self-control in danger or pain; [Let.] bright-coloured, pleasing. 2. n. Red-Indian fighter. 3. v. t. Go into, take chance of (danger). *bravado* (brava:do), n. Putting on brave air, sp. for self-advertisement. *'-ry* (breiveri), n. Brave behaviour, quality; bright colours, beautiful clothing. (breiv).
'bravo, n. Man doing violent acts for payment. (bravou).
'bravo, int. Well done! (bra:vou).
brawl, v. i. n. (Have) loud fight or argument; (make) noise of river going over stones. (brawl).
brawn, n. Muscle; meat (gen. pig's head) bedded in stiff jelly. *'-y*, a. With strong muscles. (bram).
bray, n., v. i. Noise made by an ass; unpleasant noise of brass instruments. (brei).
braze, v. t. Get (metal) joined with special solder. (breiz).
'brazen, i. a. Made of brass; strong, yellow, or hard-sounding; without shame. 2. v. t. Only b. if etc. *out*, be acting as if there was no cause for shame about something. *'brazier*, n. Worker in brass. (breizn).
'brazier, n. Iron vessel, gen. basket, for burning coals. (breizia).
breach, i. n. Hole, wide crack, (in wall, etc.), sp. one made by attacking forces; act of going against rules, agreement etc.; ending of good relations between persons. *B. of* (with), not keeping one's word; *b. of promise*, not keeping one's word to get married to someone; *b. of the peace*, fighting; *fling oneself into the b.*, come to the support of those in great need or danger. 2. v. t. Make a b. in. (brit).



BRAZIER

bread, n. Grain meal made into paste, gen. mixed with yeast, and cooked in oven; this as representative of food. *Break b. with*, take food with as a friend; *one's b. and butter daily b.*, sp., one's living. *'b.-fruit*, n. Fruit of S. Sea Island tree. *'b.-winner*, n. One supporting family by working. (bred).
breadth, n. Measure from side to side; quality of not being narrow or limited (of mind, etc.); bit of cloth etc. of full b. (brede).
break (broke, broken), i. v. t. & i. Make, get, into separate parts as effect of blow

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or other force; become parted (of clouds, military lines); make a stop in, come to an end, for a time (of conditions); go against (law, agreement); make (blow, fall etc.) less violent by taking some of its force. *B. a record*, do better than it; *b. down*, sp., be suddenly overcome by sad feelings; become ill through overwork etc.; (of machines) come to a stop through going wrong; (of theory, argument) be seen to be wrong at certain point; *b. (in)*, sp., get trained; *b. in(to)*, get in(to) by force; *b. loose*, get free; *b. off*, sp., come about suddenly (of fire, disease, war); *b. (person) of*, get him out of way (of doing); *b. (person's) heart*, make very unhappy; *b. the back of*, get the hardest part done; *b. the bank*, get all the money which manager of GAMBLING-table has; *b. the news*, ice, sp., get talk etc. started; *b. the news*, ice, sp., get talk etc. started; *b. the news*, be first to give the news of something; *b. up*, make, get, into bits; come to an end; *b. with*, put an end to relations with; *broken English etc.*, bad English as talked by one having a different language; *day breaks*, daylight comes; *storm breaks*, makes a start; *voice breaks*, undergoes change through strong feeling or at stage between boy and man. 2. n. Breaking; broken place; space between in place or time; change in direction of ball on touching earth; points made in one turn in BILLIARDS. *'-age*, n. Breaking. *'-down*, n. Breaking down in all sp. senses. *'-er*, n. Sp., great sea-wave breaking on land. *'-fast* (brekfast), n. First meal of day. *'-neck*, a. So quick as to be a cause of danger. *'-water*, n. Wall going out into sea for breaking force of waves. *broke*, (Com.) a. Having no more money. (breik (brouk)).
bream, n. Yellow river-fish. (brim).
breast, i. n. One or other of the two parts of the female body for producing milk; chest; seat of feelings. *Make a clean b. of*, give full account of one's wrongdoing. *'b.-plate*, n. Metal chest-cover. *'-work*, n. Low wall put up quickly against attack. 2. v. t. Go forward against (waves), up (slope). (brest).
breath, n. The air taken into and sent out of the body; an act of taking in and sending out b.; soft current of air: suggestion (of). *Out of b.*, unable to take in b. quickly enough, as after running; *take person's b. away*, give him a great surprise; *under one's b.*, in a very low voice, to oneself. *'-less*, a. Out of breath; keeping back one's breath (with surprise etc.); without any wind. (breð).
breathe, v. i. & t. Take in and give out breath; be living; send out (smell, feeling etc.). *B. again*, freely, sp., get

BREECH

over fear etc. **'-r**, n. Sp., walk etc. out in the air; short rest. (brɪtʃ).
breech, i. n. Back end of gun. 2. v. t. Put (small boy) into his first bb. **'-es** (brɪtʃɪs), n. pl. Men's short trousers tight over knees; [Hum.] trousers. **'-es-buoy**, n. LIFEBUOY with canvas breeches for user's legs. **'-ing**, n. Leather band round back part of horse, for pushing cart back. (brɪtʃ).

breed (bred), v. i. & t. Have young; keep (animals) for purpose of producing young; be cause of; give training, education to (as). 2. n. Group of animals of the same sort marked by common qualities. **'-er**, n. One whose work is breeding animals. **'-ing**, n. Sp., behaviour as effect of training. (brɪd (bred)).
breeze, n. A wind, sp. soft. **'breezy**, a. Sp., good-humoured, without care. (brɪz).

'brethren, (Old n. pl. Brothers. (brɛðrɪn)).
breve, n. Note in music equal to 2 semibreves. (brɪv).

'brevet, n. Paper giving person higher position in army without normal increase in payment. **B. rank**, position given by b. (brevet).

'breviary, n. Book giving forms of words for use in R.-C. Church. (brɪvɪəri).
'brevity, n. (Sp. of statements) quality of being short. (brɪvɪti).

brew, i. v. i. & t. Make beer; make (beer, tea, other drinks); (of trouble, etc.) be coming, forming. 2. n. Liquid brewed; amount brewed at one time. **'-er**, n. Maker of beer. (bru).

'briar, n. BRIER.

bribe, i. n. Money etc. offered to person to get him to do something (gen. wrong) in interest of giver. 2. v. t. & i. Give b(b). to. (braɪb).

'bric-a-brac, n. Ornaments etc. for a house, of no great value. (brɪkəbræk).
brick, i. n. Earth made hard in oven or sun for building; bit of b. of regular form, sp. right-angled; wood etc. in form of b., sp., plaything; [Com.] kind, good sort of person. **Drop a b.**, [Hum.] say something unwise, in bad taste. 2. v. t. **B. up**, get shut in with b.

'-bat, n. Broken bit of brick. **'b-field**, **'-yard**, nn. Place where bricks are made.

'-layer, n. Workman building with bricks. **'-work**, n. Brick structure. (brɪk).

bride, n. Woman on her bridal day or newly married. **'bridal**, a., n. (To do with event of getting married. **'-groom**, n. Man on his bridal day. **'-smaid**, n. Unmarried woman forming one of bride's train. (brɪd).

bridge, i. n. Structure forming way over water or hollow in land; anything acting like a b., making connection between; part of nose between eyes; high stage

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sp., make conscious again; **b. to bear**, make use of (in certain direction); **b. up**, sp., give training to, take care of, while young. (brɪŋ (brɪtɪ)).

brink, n. Edge of sharp slope, river etc. (brɪŋk).

brîquette, n. Brick of coal-dust for burning. (brɪ'ket).

brisk, a. Quick-moving; (of trade) good. (brɪsk).

'brisket, n. Meat from chest of animal. (brɪskɪt).

'bristle, i. n. A short stiff hair. 2. v. i. (Of hair) come up on end with fear etc.; (of animal) make hair b.; give signs of angry feeling. **B. with**, sp., be covered with, full of. (brɪsl).

'brittle, a. Readily broken, like glass. (brɪtl).

broach, v. t. Get open (sp. wine, beer); make a start at discussion of. (braʊtʃ).

broad, a. Wide; general, not detailed; (of humour) low; not narrow in outlook; (of way of talking) markedly that of a special part of the country. **B. day** (light), full daylight; **b. hint**, strong one. **'-cast**, i. a., adv. Sent far and wide, sp. by use of radio. 2. v. t. & i. Send out in this way; give talk etc. on radio. 3. n. Something b. by radio; a broadcasting.

'-cloth, n. Thick, smooth cloth. **'-sheet**, n. Paper printed on one side only, giving news. **'-side**, n. Ship's side; all guns on one side; firing of these together. **'-ways**, adv. In direction of breadth. (brɔːd).

brocade, n. Material with design worked on it in process of making. (brɔʊ'keɪd).

'broccoli, n. Sorts of cauliflower with small white or red-blue flower-head. (brɒkəli).

brochure, n. Small book. (brɔʊ'ʃʊə).

brogue, n. Strong country shoe. (brɒŋŋ).

brogue, n. Irish (or Scot.) way of talking. (brɒŋŋ).

broil, n. Loud argument, fight. (brɔɪl).

broil, v. t. & i. Get cooked on fire or heated iron.

broke, broken. See BREAK.

'broker, n. Middleman between persons offering and taking goods, shares. **'-age**, n. Payment to broker. **'broking**, n. Broker's trade. (brɒʊkə).

'bromine, n. Liquid chemical used medically. **'bromide**, n. Sorts of bromine salts used for producing sleep. (brɒmɪn).

'bronchial, a. Of the branches of the windpipe. **bronchitis** (brɒŋ'kætɪs), n. Bronchial disease. (brɒŋkɪəl).

bronze, i. n. Brown metal made of copper and tin; work of art in b. 2. a. Made of coloured like b. 3. v. t. & i. Make, get, brooch-like, sp. in sun. (brɒnz).

brooch, n. Ornamented or jewelled pin for dress. (brɒʊtʃ).

brood, i. n. Family of young birds or other egg-produced animals; family of

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sons and daughters. 2. v. i. (Of fowl) be seated on eggs; unhealthily keep thoughts on some trouble etc. (**b. on, over**). **'-y**, a. (Of fowl) desiring to brood. (brʊd).

brook, n. Small river. (brʊk).

brook, v. t. Put up with.

broom, i. n. Yellow-flowered, tree-like plant in waste places; brush on long stick. 2. v. t. Make clean with a b. **'-stick**, n. (brʊm).

broth, n. Thin meat soup. (brɒθ).

'brothel, n. House of PROSTITUTES. (brɒθəl).

'brother, n. Male having same father and mother as another person; an equal; one in same condition, position, as another; one in certain organizations, sp. orders of religion. **'-hood**, n. Sp., name given to certain organizations, sp. orders of religion. **'b-in-law**, n. Brother of person one is married to. **'half-b.**, n. Male having same father or mother as another. (brʌðə).

'brougham, n. Four-wheeled one-horse or electric carriage. (brʊəəm).

brought. See BRING.

brow, n. Arch of hair over eye (gen. **'eye-b.**); part of face over eyes; **top of slope**, overhanging edge. **'-beat**, v. t. Make unhappy, put fear into, by rough words. (braʊ).

brown, i. a. Of the colour of orange mixed with black; dark-skinned, sp., from sun. **B. study**, condition of being deep in thought. 2. n. B. colour. 3. v. t. & i. Make or become b. **'-ie**, n. Kind-hearted, strange-looking little FAIRY; name given to one in younger branch of GIRL GUIDES. (braʊn).

browse, v. i. & t. n. Take grass, young leaves etc., as food; be reading bits here and there in book, library. (braʊz).

bruise, i. n. Damage caused by blow(s), in which skin is marked but not broken. 2. v. t. & i. Give, get, b(b). **'-f**, n. One fighting with gloves for money. (brʊz).

bruit, v. t. Give wide distribution to (news) (sp. **b. it abroad**). (brʊɪt).

brûnette, a., n. Dark-skinned, dark-haired (woman). (brʊ'net).

brunt, n. Chief force of attack, etc. (sp. **bear the b.**). (brʌnt).

brush, i. n. Instrument for cleaning, painting, hairdressing, etc., made of stiff hair etc. fixed in wood; a cleaning with a b.; tail of fox; short, sharp fight. 2. v. t. & i. Go over with a b.; give touch to in moving past. **B. aside, away**, sp., put on one side as unimportant; **b. up**, sp., make (one's knowledge of something) as good as before. **'b-wood**, a. Undergrowth; thin sticks. **'b-work**, n. Use of brush in painting. (brʌʃ).

brusque, a. Rough, short (in behaviour, talk). (brʊsk).

BRUSSELS-SPROUT

'brussels-sprout, n. Green plant with tight heads of leaves on stem, used for food; one such head. ('bræslz spraut').
'brute, i. n. Animal other than man; great, violent animal; the animal side in man; person like a b., sp. cruel. 2. a. Unreasoning, animal. **'brutal**, a. Sp., very cruel. (brut).

'bubble, i. n. Hollow ball of liquid with air inside it; false hope, idea which comes to nothing. 2. v. i. Come up in bb., as in boiling. **'bubbly**, i. a. 2. [Hum.] n. CHAMPAGNE. ('bæbi).
'bu'bonic, a. B. *plague*, disease readily going from one to another, marked by swelling under arm or at top of leg. (bju: 'bonik).

'bucca'neer, n. Sea outlaw. ('bakə'niə).
'buck, n. Male of certain animals, sp. DEER; well-dressed man-about-town.
'b-shot, n. Short of great size. **'-skin**, n. Soft leather made from DEER- or goat-skin. ('bæk).
'buck, v. i. & t. (Of horse) make a jump into the air with back arched. B. *up*, [Hum.] be quick; become or make brighter, stronger. **-ed**, a. Sp., [Hum.] very pleased.

'buck, [Hum.] n. U.S. dollar.
'bucket, n. Round, open-topped vessel with flat base for water or other liquid. *Kick the b.*, [Hum.] come to one's death.
'b-shop, n. Office trading in stocks of no value. ('bækɪt).

'bucket, v. i. Go at violent rate on horse or in rowing.

'buckle, i. n. Metal ring, square, etc., with pointed tongue going through hole in band to keep it in place. 2. v. t. & i. Get, be, fixed, joined, with a b.; get bent, twisted, in middle under force acting at end(s). B. *to*, sp., make serious start at work. ('bækli).

'buckler, n. Small shield. ('bækliə).
'buckram, n. Rough linen or other cloth made stiff with paste. ('bækrem).
'buckwheat, n. Plant producing small black grain; grain of this. ('bækwi:t).
'bu'colic, i. a. Of farming, country existence. 2. n. Verse about the country (gen. bb.). (bju:'kɒlik).

'bud, i. n. Leaf, flower, or branch, in earliest stage of growth; flower not fully open; anything in early stage. 2. v. i. Put out b(b). **'-ding**, a. Sp., in early stage. (bad).

'Buddhism, n. Religion of India and Far E. started by Buddha. ('budizəm).
'budge, v. i. & t. Make a small move; make b. ('bʌdʒ).

'budget, i. n. Parcel of news, letters, etc.; public statement of nation's income and payments for the coming year; b.-like statement of private person. 2. v. i. B. *for*, take into account in a b. ('bʌdʒɪt).

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'buff, i. n., a. Soft, strong, dark yellow leather; colour of b. 2. v. t. Give polish to with b. (bʌf).
'buffalo, n. Great animal of cow family common in India, Asia, and N. Africa. ('bʌtsələu).

'buffer, n. Apparatus for making the force of shock less, sp. on train. B. *state*, small country acting as b. between two greater ones. ('bʌfə).

'buffet, [Hum.] n. *Old b.*, foolish old man. **'buffet**, v. t. & i. n. (Give) blow (to), sp. with hand. ('bʌft).

'buffet, n. Sideboard, sp., with food on it; bar where food may be got. ('bʌftl).
'buffoon, n. One doing foolish things for amusement of others; loud, foolish person. (bə'fu:n).

'bug, n. Flat, biting insect which gets into dirty houses, beds (*bed b.*); any small insect. *Big b.*, [Hum.] important person. (bʌg).

'bugaboo, n. Thing causing unnecessary fear. **'bugbear** ('bʌgbeə), n. Thing specially feared, hated. ('bʌgəbu:).

'buggy, n. Small carriage. ('bʌgi).

'bugle, i. n. Military brass wind-instrument. 2. v. i. & t. Make sounds, get mented, on b. ('bjʊ:gl).

'bugle, n. Ornament of coloured glass stitched on dress.

'buhl, n., a. (Wood) ornamented by letting in designs in metal, horn etc. (bʊl).

'build (bʊild), i. v. t. & i. Make (gen. something great in size) by putting parts, material, together; make, get together, by degrees. B. *on*, sp., be basing hopes on; *b. up*, sp., make greater, stronger, by degrees. 2. n. General structure of body, ship, carriage. **'-er**, n. Sp., one whose business is building houses. **'-ing**, Sp., house or house-like structure. **'built-up**, a. Full of houses. (bild (bɪlt)).

'bulb, n. Thick, round, lower end of stem of certain plants storing food under the earth; anything b.-like in form, sp. glass b. for electric light. (bʌlb).
'bulbul, n. Song-bird of the E. ('bulbʊl).
'bulge, i. n. Out-curving part of line or form. 2. v. i. & t. Be, make, curved out (sp. of bag, etc.) by something inside; be full to bursting-point. (bʌldʒ).

'bulk, i. n. Size, sp. great. *In b.*, loose, not in boxes; in great amounts; *the b. of*, sp., the greater part, number, of. 2. v. i. B. *large* (small), seem great, important (small, unimportant). **'-y**, a. Taking up much room. (bʌlk).
'bulkhead, n. Water-tight division in ship. ('bʌlkhed).

'bull, i. n. Male of cow and certain other great animals; person attempting to send price of stocks up with view to later profit. *John B.*, name for representative

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Englishman; *take the b. by the horns*, make straightforward attack on a thing. 2. v. t. & i. Do b. operations on (stocks). **'-dog**, n. Dog with short thick neck, noted for its strong grip. **'-flinch**, n. Small song-bird. **'b-frog**, n. Loud-voiced Am. sort. **'b-s-eye**, n. Middle circle of TARGET; black-and-white steel. (bul).

'bull, n. Order sent out by the Pope.

'bull, n. Statement causing amusement by an impossible twist of sense (*gen. Irish b.*).
'bullet, n. Small mass of lead (gen. with hard metal cover) for firing from gun. ('bulɪt).

'bulletin, n. Short account of developments given out by authority ('bulɪtɪn).

'bullion, n. Gold or silver in the mass. ('buljən).

'bullock, n. BULL which has had sex parts taken away. ('bulək).

'bully, i. n. One putting fear into others less strong than he by rough, cruel behaviour. 2. v. t. Be acting as a b. to. ('buli).

'bully, n. Tinned beef.

'bulrush, n. Tall, grass-like, waterside plant. ('bulrʌʃ).

'bulwark, n. Wall, sp. earthwork, against attack; highest part of ship's side. ('bulwək).

'bum, [Hum.] n. Seat of body. (bʌm).

'burn, [Am.] n. Poor good-for-nothing, TRAMP.

'bumper-bee, n. Sort of great bee with a loud buzz. ('bʌmbɪbi:).

'bumboat, n. Small boat taking fruit and green food out to ships. ('bʌmbəut).

'bump, i. n. Coming together of two bodies with force; swelling caused by b. or blow; anything of like form on road etc. 2. v. t. & i. Give b(b). *to*; go against with a b. **'-er**, n. Sp., structure on front or back of automobile to take force of shock. (bʌmp).

'bumper, n. Drinking-vessel full of wine; see *under* BUMP. B. *crop*, one which is specially great. ('bʌmpə).

'bumpkin, n. Unpolished country person. ('bʌmpkɪn).

'bumptious, a. Pushing, self-important. ('bʌmpʃəs).

'bun, n. Small, soft, round, sweet cake; twisted knot of hair. (bʌn).

'bunch, i. n. Things such as flowers fixed, or put, together in a group. 2. v. t. & i. Put, get, into b(b). **'-y**, a. Sp., not smooth or flat, in folds. (bʌntʃ).

'bundle, i. n. Things roughly parcelled together; group of parallel nerves etc. 2. v. t. & i. Make into b(b); put away into etc. some place, without order; go, send, (*out, off, away*) quickly. ('bʌndl).
'bung, i. n. Stopper for BARREL. 2. v. t. Put a b. in. *Bunged up*, [Com.] (sp. of nose,

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eyes) stopped up, shut, as effect of cold, blow etc. **'b-hole**, n. (bʌŋ).

'bungalow, n. House with all rooms on one floor. ('bʌŋgələu).

'bungle, i. v. t. & i. Do, do work, badly. 2. n. Thing bungled. ('bʌŋgl).

'bunion, n. Red swelling on great toe. ('bʌnjən).

'bunk, n. Bed fixed to wall in train, ship etc. (bʌŋk).

'bunk, [Com.] i. v. i. Get away, go off. 2. n. *Do a b.*, [Com.] b.

'bunk(um), [Com.] n. Foolish talk, high-sounding but hollow talk. ('bʌŋk(əm)).

'bunker, n. Place for coal in ships; sand-hole on golf course for making play harder. ('bʌŋkə).

'bunny, n. Baby's word for RABBIT. ('bʌni).

'bunsen burner, [Sc.] n. One burning gas mixed with air, giving great heat. ('bʌnsən 'bɜ:nə).

'bunting, n. Sorts of small bird. ('bʌntɪn).

'bunting, n. Flags or their material. ('bʌntɪŋ).

'buoy, i. n. Structure on water, marking the way for ships etc.; LIFE-buoy. 2. v. t. Keep *up* in water; keep *up* (hopes etc.).

'-ant, a. Able to keep up in water; (of liquids, gases) of little weight; made sad. (bəi).

'bur(r), n. (Any plant with) rough seed-vessel or flower which gets hooked on to things. **'burdock**, n. A wide-leaved field-plant with burs. (bə:).

'burden, i. n. Material thing, work, pain, trouble, weighing one down; part of song, etc. which comes again and again. *The b. of proof is on him*, it is for him to give the facts supporting his statement. 2. v. t. Put b(b) on. (bə:dn).

'bureau (bureaux), n. Writing-table with drawers; office, sp. for public business. **'bureaucracy** (bjʊ:'krəsi), n. Government controlled by experts who keep their positions whatever political group is in power. **'-crat**, n. One of a bureaucracy. ('bjʊərəu ('bjʊərəuz)).

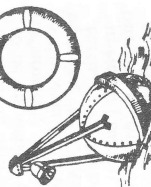
'burgeon, v. i. Put out leaves, be starting growth. ('bɜ:dʒən).

'burgess, n. One having full rights of townsman. ('bɜ:dgɪs).

'burgh, n. Scot. town. **'-er** ('bɜ:ge), n. Townsman. ('bɜ:ə).

'burglar, n. Person forcing way into house at night for purpose of taking things. **'-y**, n. Act(s) of burglar. ('bɜ:glə).

'burgomaster, n. Chief town authority in Holland and Belgium. ('bɜ:gəma:stə).



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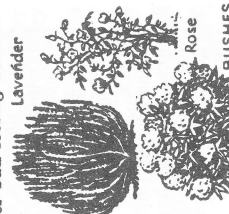
'burgundy, n. Sorts of red wine of France. (bə'gʌndi).
'burial. See **BURY**.
'burlesque, v.t., n. Make sport of by copying in foolish way. (bə'resk).
'burly a. Strong, solidly made (of person). (bə'li).

burn, [Scot.] n. Small river. (bə:n).
burn (burn or burned), i. v.i. & t. Be on fire; make destruction of, do damage to, by fire or as effect of acid; give, have, feeling of burning; give out light; make (bricks etc.) by heat. **Burning** question, one causing great interest: *b. (itself) out*, go on burning till material is used up; *b. one's boats*, sp., do something which makes turning back not possible; *b. the candle at both ends*, go to bed late and get up early. 2. n. Wound, damaged place, caused by burning. **'er**, n. Sp., part of lighting or heating apparatus from which flame comes. -t, a.
'burnish, v.t. & i. Make (metal) bright by rubbing with hard substance; be able to be burnished. (bə:nɪʃ).

bur nou(e), n. Long, loose Arab coat with cover for head. (bə'nu:).
'burrow, i. n. Animal's living-hole in earth. 2. v.i. Make b. or other deep hole in earth. ('baru).

'bursar, n. Authority controlling money of college etc. (bə'sə).
burst (burst), i. v.t. & i. Get, be, violently broken open or to bits by expansion; make a way (out, through) by force. **Bursting with**, sp., full of; *b. into tears*, *out laughing*, be suddenly moved to crying, laughing; *b. out*, sp., say suddenly. 2. n. A bursting; hole made by *b.*; sudden increase (of force). (bə:st).
'bury, v.t. Put (dead body) in last resting-place, sp. under earth; say forms of religion over (person) in burying; put under earth, get covered up. *B. oneself somewhere*, go where one is cut off from society; *b. the hatchet*, become friends again after bad feeling between. (beri).

bus, n. Public automobile making journeys at regular times between certain points. (bas).
'busby, n. Tall military hat made of fur. (bəzbi).
bush, n. Tree-like plant with wood stems; rough backwoods, sp. in Australia. **'man**, n. Sort of black man in S. Africa. **'b-ranger**, n. Outlaw in



BUSHES
Rhododendron
Rose
Lavender

BUTTER

Australian bush. **'-y**, a. (Of hair etc.) thick and rough. (bu).
bush, i. n. Material round inside of hole to make it smaller etc. 2. v.t. Put b. in.
'bushel, n. Measure for grain, fruit, etc., = 8 gallons. (buʃl).

'business, n. One's work, interests, what one has to do; questions for attention of meeting etc.; money-making, trade; trading organization, such as a store; little acts done on stage to get effect without words. *B. man*, one in b., or good at money-making; *have no b.*, have no right to; *mind your own b.*, keep out of the b. of others. **'b-like**, a. Having system, well-ordered. ('biznis).

'busher, [Hum.] n. One playing music, acting etc. in streets. ('bʌskə).
'buskin, n. Boot used by Gk. actors, used as representative of the theatre. ('bʌskɪn).
bust, n. Copy of person's head and chest cut out in stone; woman's chest. (bʌst).
'bustle, i. v.i. Do something, go, with unnecessary noise, motion. 2. n. (Noise of) bustling. ('bʌʃl).

'bustle, n. Cushion or frame pushing out top of woman's skirt at back.
'busy, i. a. In the act of working, doing, giving attention to something; having much to do. 2. v.i. *B. oneself*, make oneself b. (with, about, doing). **'body**, n. One pushing into what is not his business. (bizi).

but, i. conj. However, on the other hand (used for joining statements of opposite tendency); that or who ... not (there is no one b. knows this); ... not (to) (he had no choice b. to go); in addition; without 2. prep. Other than. 3. adv. Only. *All b. (dead)*, almost; *b. for this*, if this was not so; *cannot b. do*, unable not to do. (bat).

'butcher, i. n. One putting animals to death for food, trader in meat. 2. v.t. Put (persons) to death unnecessarily, cruelly. (butʃə).
'butler, n. Head man-servant, having care of silver, wine etc. ('batli).
butt, n. Great wine or beer BARREL. (bat).
butt, n. Thicker end of gun etc.

butt, n. Board or structure for firing at; thing, person, made sport of. *The bb.*, place where firing is done in training.
butt, v.i. & t., n. (Give) blow, push with the head, like a goat. *B. in*, be forcing oneself into company, business, of others.
'butter, i. n. Yellow substance made from thick part of milk by shaking. 2. v.t. Put b. on, over. *B. up*, say pleasing but untrue things to. **'-cup**, n. Butter-fingered flower. **'b-fingers**, n. Butter-fingered person. **'b-fingered**, a. Given to dropping things. **'-milk**, n. Liquid which is over after butter has been made. **'-scotch**, n. Sort of sweet. ('batə).

BUTTERFLY

butterfly, a. Insect with coloured wings and long feelers; person who is not serious. (bʌtəflai).
buttery, n. Place in universities etc. from which food is given out. ('bʌtri).
'butterlock, n. One or other side of seat or tail-end of body. ('bʌtək).

button, i. n. Bit of metal, bone, wood, etc. stitched onto part of clothing and put through hole in another part to keep the two together; b.-like thing, sp., one which when pushed makes electric connection. *Bb.*, sp., boy servant in hotel. 2. v.t. & i. Put (bb), of through hole(s); be kept together by b(b).
'-hole, i. n. Sp., flowers to go through b. front of coat and make him give attention. **'b-hook**, n. Hook for getting buttons through buttonholes. ('bʌtn).

'butteress, i. n. Support put against a wall. 2. v.t. Give support to by, as, b. ('bʌtris).
'buxom, a. Of full form, good-looking (of woman). ('bʌksəm).

buy (bought), v.t. & i. Get in exchange for money or other payment; (of money) be the price of. *B. off*, make payment to (person) to make him give up troubling one; get (oneself, another) out of doing something by making payment; *b. out*, take over business etc. from (owner) at a price; *b. up*, b. all there is of something. **'-er**, n. Sp., one buying goods for a store. (bai (bɔ:t)).

buzz, i. n. Noise (as) of bees. 2. v.i. Make a b.; be full of buzzing. **'-er**, n. Sp., electric buzzing instrument used as bell. (bʌz).
'buzzard, n. Sort of bird putting animals to death for food. ('bʌzəd).

by, i. prep. (Of space) at the side of, near to; past; using (as instrument, way) (*b. hand*, *b. road*); as an effect of; produced as the work of (*a poem b. Milton*); in agreement with (*b. my watch*); not later than (the time named) (*he ready b. tomorrow*). *B. day (night)*, in the day (night); *b. oneself*, with, or with the help of, no other person. 2. adv. Near; on, at, one side; past. *B. and b.*, in a little time. (bai).

by(-), a. Less important (*'b-road*); produced as a side-line (*'b-play*, *'b-product*).
'b-law, n. Rule made by town authorities, etc. **'b-pass**, n. Bit of road skirting town so that automobiles do not have to go through. **'-stander**, n. Onlooker. *b. Point* made at CRICKET for ball which goes past BATSMAN; (in certain sports) player who is over when others are grouped in twos. (bai).
'bye-bye, int. Good-bye.
'bye-bye, n. Baby's word for sleep.
byre, n. Cow-house. (baie).

CADENCE

byword, n. Common saying; person, thing, taken as representative of some (freq. bad) quality. (baɪwɔ:d).

C

C, Roman number 100 (C or c); [Mus.] first note of natural MAJOR scale. (si).
cab, n. Public carriage; part of engine of train for driver. **'-man**, **'-by**, un. Cab driver. **'c-rank**, **'c-stand**, nn. (Place for) line of waiting cabs. (kab).

ca bal, n. Group of persons having secret (sp., political) designs. **ca'b(b)ala**, n. Secret Jewish teachings. ('kə'bəl).
'cabaret, n. Songs, dances, etc. given as amusement in restaurants. ('kəberel).
'cabbage, n. Sorts of plant with round head of leaves, used for food. ('kəbɪdʒ).
'cabin, n. Small roughly-made house; room in a ship, airship, sp. for sleeping.
'c-boy, n. Boy servant on ship. **'-ed**, a. Shut up, kept in a small space. ('kəbɪn).
'cabinet, n. Private room; cupboard with shelves for ornaments etc.; the body of MINISTERS controlling government. *C. photograph*, one 3½ inches high, 4 wide.

'c-maker, n. Expert joiner. ('kəbɪnɪ).
'cable, i. n. Strong thick chain or cord, freq. of wire; c. put down under land or sea for telegrams or telephone; (as measure) 100 FATHOMS. 2. v.i. & t. Send telegram by c. **'-gram**, n. Cabled telegram. ('keɪbl).
ca'boose, n. Cooking-place in a ship; [Am.] end carriage of train for train man. (kə'bu:s).

'cabriolet, n. 2-wheeled, one-horse carriage. (kabriol'lei).
ca'cao, n. (Dark brown seed of) tree from which cocoa and chocolate are made. (kə'keɪu).

cache, v.t., n. (Get) food etc. stored in secret place for use later. (kəʃ).
'cachet, n. Special mark (as sign of quality, etc.). ('kæʃeɪ).
'cachin'ation, n. Loud laugh. (kə'kɪneɪʃn).
ca'chou, n. Small sweet used to take away bad smell from breath. (kə'ʃu:).

'cackle, n., v.i. Noise made by fowl after producing an egg; foolish talk; loud laugh. ('kæk).
ca'cophony, n. Sound DISCORD. (kə'kɒfəni).

'cactus, n. Sorts of plant in dry countries, with thick stems covered with sharp points, and no leaves. ('kaktəs).
cad, n. Person of low behaviour. (kəd).
ca'daverous, a. Looking like a dead person. (kə'dævərəs).
'caddie, n. One taking bag of sticks for players at GOLF. ('kædi).
'caddy, n. Small box for tea. ('kædi).
'cadence, n. Rhythm in sound; the going up and down of voice in talking. ('kædɪns).